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Golden Gate Celebrates Its "SUPER LAWYERS"





“My practical GGU education in law and tax enabled me to do the ground training and succeed in public accounting after being a biologist.”

Tracey Edwards (JD 81, LLM 83)
Managing Principal—Operations
Deloitte and Touche

For more than a century, Golden Gate University has provided a quality professional-practice adult-learning experience in Northern California. GGU has given many people such as Tracey Edwards the opportunity to change their lives and advance their careers. GGU is still that place, helping adults work, learn and succeed.

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Dave Roberson (JD 78)



Conrad Breece (JD 72, at left), one of many Golden Gate Law alumni altering the real property legal landscape in the San Francisco Bay Area



"Super Lawyers" Simona Farrise (JD 93) (left) and Diana Richmond (JD 73)



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Golden Gate's "Super Lawyers" gathered on campus for a reception and photo shoot. **Front row, from left:** Pamela E. Pierson, Arlene Kostant, Virginia Palmer, Karen L. Hawkins, Dean Frederic White, Marc L. Van Der Hout, Lawrence E. Kern, Richard W. Maxion. **Center row:** Jan M. Lecklikner, Marlene G. Weinstein, Rebecca L. Conradi, Diana E. Richmond, Esther R. Lerner, Simona A. Farrise, Roy J. Otis, Richard I. Sherman, Lisa C. Tarr. **Back row:** Michael S. Hebel, Erin Frazor, Michael J. Markowitz, Jeffrey B. Cereghino, Robert J. Waldsmith, James A. Tiemstra, John J. Camozzi, John F. Barg, Paul J. Barulich, Lyle C. Cavin, Bertrand LeBlanc. *Kent Taylor Photography*

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LETTERS

A year and half ago I had my choice of law schools to attend. I asked all my friends in various law schools and every attorney I knew about their impressions of GGU. Their answers were overwhelmingly positive. Consistently, they were meeting GGU alumni in the legal field who have proven themselves confident and competent. That and a chance to spend three years living in San Francisco sealed the deal, and I chose GGU.

I have never regretted my decision. I know I am lucky to have a seat in any law school, and I feel truly honored to be a member of the GGU student body. I love going to class and the professors have exceeded my expectations. All in all, I speak very highly about GGU whenever I talk to attorneys, friends, family, and particularly other students.

In the end, it is the bar passage rate that provides the most quantifiable factor of our experience in law school [and] there is a lot riding on this number. I understand that no matter how positive my GGU experiences are or how well the university has prepared me, at some point I will be sitting for the bar, and it is up to me to do my best. To this end, I can promise you that I will do all I can to be prepared to take the bar exam and to try to pass it the first time. After all, you and I both don't want me to have to take it a second time!

—Craig Small (JD 07), San Francisco, California

I was fortunate enough to pass the bar examination in California and, later, Nevada on my first attempt. I believe the actions the school is taking will directly impact the first-time bar pass rate. I must say, I think the faculty did a great job while I attended school at GGU. The testing, I felt, prepared me for the bar examination. [The School's] wonderful library staff also took time to personally review my sample bar answers which I prepared for the BarBri course. I took these tests over and over, until I was satisfied with the answer, and GGU took the time to ensure my time was well spent.

—Melissa Leavister Exline (JD 02), Reno, Nevada



MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Golden Gate has much to celebrate, as you'll see in the pages of this edition of *Class Action*. More than 80 of our alumni were chosen as "Super Lawyers" by their peers in the 2005 annual poll conducted by *Law and Politics* magazine. It was an honor to meet many of them at a recent get-together on campus, which resulted in new connections and the photo on the cover. We'll keep you posted on our "Super Lawyer" alumni who will no doubt make the 2006 "Super Lawyer" list, as well as our "Super Lawyers" of the future, including our newest crop of graduates.

We welcome five new full-time faculty members to the School of Law. They bring extraordinary professional experience and expertise in such areas as intellectual property law, public interest law, constitutional law, and criminal law, as practiced both here in the United States and in other nations. Their choice to join the Golden Gate Law faculty attests to our longstanding reputation as a school that prizes professional expertise and practical experience among its faculty and as a place that, as I continually hear from alumni and employers, "teaches students the actual practice of law." For one example of how we are doing just that, see the roundup (p. 8) of our students' recent achievements in several state and national trial competitions.


This edition features our Real Property Law Program, with distinguished faculty members like Roger Bernhardt and invaluable offerings like the Real Estate Clinic and Specialization Certificate. You'll hear many top real estate lawyers credit Golden Gate for their successful entrée into their professions and describe why they so often hire Golden Gate Law students and graduates.

I am extremely pleased to note that one of Golden Gate's most distinguished faculty members, Professor Robert Calhoun, is the School of Law's new Dean for Academic Affairs. Bob is a graduate of Yale Law School and an expert in criminal law and litigation, whose professional experience has included serving as Alameda County Public Defender and creating and directing the First District Appellate Project. He is also an exceptional teacher who began teaching at Golden Gate in 1975 and received the School of Law's 2006 John A. Gorfinkel Award for Outstanding Professor—marking the 12th time he has been named best professor at Golden Gate Law.

Bob has been a key participant in strategic development efforts for the School of Law and brings extraordinary insight and understanding of the law school and the needs of our students to this administration. He replaces Professor Markita Cooper, who has been an outstanding administrator and mentor to legions of law students at Golden Gate and is leaving the San Francisco fog for a new life in Florida.

The School of Law is working diligently to address the challenge of raising our graduates' first-time bar passage rate on the formidable California bar examination. I am heartened by the outpouring of support that I and others in the law school have received from students and alumni in visits, phone calls, and letters, including the two excerpted on this page. Many of you have pledged your support in helping us meet this challenge on a variety of fronts. I welcome your input and suggestions as the law school continues to achieve its mission of providing a firm grounding in the theory and practice of law to students in California and beyond.

Best Regards,


Dean Frederic White



Professor ROGER BERNHARDT led a panel titled “Legal Education and Uniform Laws Group: Law Professors’ Review of Recent Developments” at the 17th Annual Symposia of the ABA Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section May 3–5 in San Diego. He and other law professors including Professor and Dean **Frederic White** offered reviews and critiques of the important real estate decisions of the past year. Bernhardt is chair of the Section’s Legal Education Committee. Read more about Professor Bernhardt on page 14.



RODNEY FONG, assistant dean for bar exam services, spoke on “Strategies for Working with Law Students of Today” at an Externship Supervisor Forum sponsored by the Bay Area Consortium on Externships at Boalt Hall, UC Berkeley School of Law. He and Dean **Frederic White** have been appointed to the State Bar of California’s Diversity Pipeline Task Force, charged by the Board of Governors to create a model of best practices of diversity and pipeline programs from around the nation that can be replicated by bar associations, law firms, corporate offices, governmental entities, law schools, and the courts. Fong received the Gregory Allen Egertson Award for Outstanding Staff Member at Commencement 2006.



MARC GREENBERG, associate professor and director of the LLM Program in Intellectual Property Law, has published an article titled “The Baby and the Bathwater Too: A Critique of *American Library Ass’n v. U.S.*” in the spring 2006 edition of the *Syracuse Science & Technology Law Reporter*, which is published as an online journal by Syracuse University College of Law. Greenberg’s article is the lead article in the spring 2006 edition.



CLIFFORD RECHTSCHAFFEN, professor, director of the Environmental Law Program, and codirector of the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, has received the first annual Justice Jesse W. Carter Faculty Scholarship Award, named for the School of Law’s distinguished graduate from the Class of 1913 and presented to a faculty member whose contributions reflect Justice Carter’s innovative and scholarly approach to the law. Rechtschaffen published (with **Patrick Williams JD 05**) an article titled “The Continued Success of Proposition 65 in Reducing Toxics Exposures” in the *Environmental Law Reporter*. He was recently named chair of the Executive Committee of the American Association of Law Schools Environmental Law Section.



MARCI SEVILLE, professor and director of GGU’s Women’s Employment Rights Clinic, was an organizer of the 2006 Northern California Clinical Conference at Stanford University. Also participating in the conference were professors **Susan Rutberg (JD 75)** and **Helen Kang**.



SOMPONG SUCHARITKUL Ambassador Dr. Wafik Z. Kamil, Secretary General of the Asian African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO), has accepted an article by Professor Sompong Sucharitkul titled “Contribution of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization to the Codification and Progressive Development of International Law” for publication this year. The article will appear in “Fifty Years of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization,” which will contain essays and scholarly articles from Asia and Africa in celebration of the AALCO Golden Jubilee.



FREDERIC WHITE, professor and dean, published an article titled “The Trouble with Email: Suspect Every Negative Declaration” in the fall 2005 edition of the *University of Toledo Law Review*. Dean White has been appointed (along with Rodney Fong) to the State Bar of California’s Diversity Pipeline Task Force and to the Committee on Bar Admissions of the American Bar Association Section on Legal Education and Admissions. He served on a panel, led by Professor **Roger Bernhardt**, titled “Legal Education and Uniform Laws Group: Law Professors’ Review of Recent Developments” at the 17th Annual Symposia of the ABA Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section in May.

Adjunct Professor **JOEL MARSH** (below, right) presented lectures at the University of Vienna and the University of Ankara, Turkey in March. In Vienna he addressed a faculty/student colloquium on the subject of “Transborder Migration Movements and Responsive Legal Models,” and in Ankara his subject was “Law of the Sea: Maritime Boundary Issues.”



Joel Marsh, right, with Omer Collak (LLM 00) in Ankara, Turkey. Collak worked at Marsh’s immigration firm before becoming a senior associate with one of Istanbul’s top law firms.

SCHOOL OF LAW WELCOMES NEW FULL-TIME FACULTY MEMBERS FOR 2006–07

Five scholars, some of whom have taught courses at GGU before, have joined the School of Law as full-time faculty members. We welcome them all and look forward to their contributions to our law school, our community, and the legal profession!



MICHELE M. BENEDETTO joins Golden Gate Law on July 1 as an associate professor. Her principal teaching subjects will be Business Associations and Professional Responsibility. She received her BA (*cum laude*) as a valedictorian finalist from Santa Clara University and her JD from New York University Law School, where she was a Root-Tilden-Kern Public Service Scholar.

Benedetto served as a judicial clerk for the Hon. Napoleon A. Jones Jr., US District Court. Following her clerkship, she received an Equal Justice Works fellowship to design and coordinate the Youth Outreach Project at the Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc. She represented former foster youth in court in a variety of civil legal matters, created and supervised youth outreach clinics, and advocated for larger policy issues on behalf of youth at the state and local levels.

Benedetto has served as adjunct professor of law at Thomas Jefferson School of Law, where she taught a public interest law course. Before joining GGU she was an associate in the San Diego office of Morrison & Foerster, LLP, specializing in corporate labor and employment matters. Her publications include articles in the *UC Davis Journal of Juvenile Law and Policy*, *Employment Law Commentary*, and *Youth Law News*.

ERIC C. CHRISTIANSEN joined Golden Gate in 2005 as an associate professor. His primary teaching interests are Property Law, Constitutional Law, and Foreign and Comparative Law. Before joining GGU he was in private practice, specializing in international capital markets work for the London and San Francisco offices of Latham & Watkins. He has also worked for Thelen Reid & Priest, the Office of the San Francisco Public Defender, and Amnesty International.

Professor Christiansen attended New York University School of Law as a Root-Tilden-Kern Public Interest Law Scholar. His law school honors included serving as editor-in-chief of the *NYU Journal of International Law & Politics*; as supervising editor of the *International Citation Manual* (a joint publishing effort of the Library of Congress and NYU JILP); and receiving the Lipper International Law Award.



In 1999 he was named a Center for Distributive Justice Fellow and began his initial work in the area of South African law and in 2001 became a law clerk to Chief Justice Arthur Chaskalson of the South African Constitutional Court. He researches and speaks on topics related to South African law, comparative constitutional law, and the rights of sexual minorities. He received the Newman Prize for publishing in the field of international and comparative law for his article “Ending the Apartheid of the Closet: Sexual Orientation in the South African Constitutional Process.” He holds a master’s degree from the University of Chicago, where he was an Andrew A. Mellon Fellow at The Divinity School, and a bachelor’s degree from the University of Notre Dame.

WILLIAM GALLAGHER, who has taught as a visiting professor at Golden Gate, is an associate professor as of July 1. His primary areas of teaching and research are intellectual property law and policy and legal ethics. He previously taught these subjects as a lecturer at the Santa Clara University School of Law and at GGU. He received his JD degree from the UCLA School of Law, his PhD from the University of California, Berkeley’s Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program (Boalt Hall), his MA from the University of Chicago, and his BA from the University of California, Berkeley.

Before joining GGU Gallagher was a partner in the litigation group of Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP in San Francisco, where he represented clients in trials before both state and federal courts and before administrative agencies such as the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board and the International Trade Commission. His articles have appeared in such journals as the *Pepperdine Law Review*, *Santa Clara Law Review*, and *Law and Social Inquiry*. He is also editor of the forthcoming book *International Essays in Law and Society: Intellectual Property* (Dartmouth/Ashgate Press).

Professor Gallagher’s recent activities include presenting a paper titled “Strategic Intellectual Property Litigation and Free Speech: Studying Plaintiff’s Lawyers and the Enforcement of IP Rights,” on his ongoing research at the Michigan State University College of Law Intellectual Property Roundtable; and speaking on “Reality Bytes: Digital Copyright in the 21st Century” at the 35th Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archivists.



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RACHEL VAN CLEAVE joins the faculty at Golden Gate as a professor after teaching for 11 years at Texas Tech University School of the Law, where she held the J. Hadley Edgar Professorship. She graduated from UC Hastings College of the Law in 1989, after receiving her BS from Stanford University. After law school she clerked for the Hon. Sam D. Johnson, US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in Austin, Texas. She then taught legal research and writing at Santa Clara University School of Law from 1990 to 1992 and at Stanford Law School from 1992 to 1994, where she obtained her JSM.

Professor Van Cleave has been a visiting faculty member at University of Richmond School of Law and at UC Hastings College of the Law. In 1996, she researched Italian criminal justice on a J. William Fulbright Research Grant. She and her family returned

to Italy in 2003, when she spent her sabbatical researching the history of violence against women in Italy. She has written several articles on comparative criminal justice and on state constitutional law. She teaches Comparative Criminal Justice, Gender and the Law Property, Wills & Trusts, and Criminal Law.

MARK YATES is associate professor and director of the School of Law's Academic Support Program as of July 1. After graduating from UC Hastings College of the Law, he worked in San Francisco as a litigation associate at Pillsbury Winthrop and eventually moved to Mendocino County to work as a deputy public defender. He has taught at San Francisco State University and at Golden Gate and has represented indigent criminal defendants on appeal.



TERMINATING THE PARTISANSHIP IN JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS

By David B. Oppenheimer

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A head of state decides he can energize his base and get rid of legal rulings he doesn't like by politicizing the judicial nominations process. By complaining about "judicial activists" he can undermine the independence of the judiciary, and take back the courts. But once the appointment process turns partisan, it seems like there's no retreat to a middle ground. Every appointment is polarizing. Sound familiar?

This may sound like a description of the political battle over President Bush's judicial appointments, but it applies equally to California politics in 1986, when Governor George Deukmejian directed a campaign to unseat three of the seven justices of the California Supreme Court. By looking at how Governors Pete Wilson, Gray Davis and Arnold Schwarzenegger defused the rancorous legacy of the Deukmejian era, we may find the road back from the precipice to which President Bush has taken us.

Some date our current partisan gun slinging over judicial appointments to the failed nomination of Robert Bork by President Reagan in 1987. But it really started a year earlier, with Governor Deukmejian's campaign against California Chief Justice Rose Bird, and Associate Justices Joseph Grodin and Cruz Reynoso. The Governor's

public position was that the three had to go because they were unwilling to enforce the death penalty (though Grodin and Reynoso had voted to uphold some death sentences). But speaking to business leaders, he urged support for unseating the three justices by complaining that their decisions were "bad for business."

Fortunately, Governor Deukmejian's politicization was largely limited to the Supreme Court; his trial court appointments were generally well respected prosecutors (though very few were criminal defense lawyers or plaintiff's tort lawyers). Many of his appointees have risen to the appellate level because of the reputations they've earned in the trial courts. But for the state Supreme Court, in the wake of the Deukmejian era many wondered if we could return to an era when justices were selected based on their intellect, integrity, and reputation for fairness and good judgment. The question resonates in Washington today, as each appellate appointment (and many District Court appointments) is a partisan call to arms. But look what we've achieved in California.

Governor Pete Wilson began de-politicizing the process, appointing four Justices in his eight years in office who were generally regarded as centrists.

Governor Davis appointed trial judges from both parties, with an emphasis on naming moderates respected by liberals and conservatives alike. His sole appointment to the California Supreme Court was Justice Carlos Moreno, a former Los Angeles prosecutor who was first named to the bench by Governor Deukmejian.

Now Governor Schwarzenegger has made his first Supreme Court nomination. Avoiding a partisan fight, he named the highly regarded California Court of Appeal Justice Carol Corrigan. Corrigan, like Moreno, is a former prosecutor (and Deukmejian trial court appointee) with many years of judicial experience. And like Moreno, she too is viewed as a moderate, acceptable to Democrats and Republicans alike.

Corrigan is likely to get unanimous approval from the non-partisan Commission on Judicial Appointments when it meets next month. Is it too much to hope that California, where the current partisan fighting over judges got its start twenty years ago, will provide Washington with a lesson on terminating this political battle, and supporting a judiciary independent of partisan politics?

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Thank you, Lani

By US Magistrate Judge Sandra M. Snyder (JD 76)

Thirty-six years ago, fresh out of college in Fresno, California, and newly married, I found myself sitting in front of Dean Lani Bader's desk with my then-husband, Kenn Bovetti (JD 73), while he was being interviewed for admittance to the law school. The conversation got around to my needing to find a job, and as luck would have it, Dean Bader's secretary had just quit. He asked me if I could take shorthand. I lied and said I could. Well, I didn't actually lie; I had just taken a speed-writing course, thinking that I would need some other skill besides typing in order to support us while Kenn was in law school. Truth is, I wasn't any good at it; I didn't know how to operate a dictating machine, either, and electric typewriters were foreign to me.

I began working for Golden Gate University School of Law in August 1970, and it was probably the single most pivotal event in my life. Lani was wonderful to work for; he was patient while I learned how to do what I said I could but couldn't. We've talked about it in the years that have passed, and it turns out he figured out instantly that I was, well, making it up as I went along.

For the next two years, I worked closely with and, if I say so myself, really hard for the Dean and the wonderful staff of professors: James B. Smith, Judith McKelvey, Roger Bernhardt, Lawrence Jones, Michael DeVito, Cherie Gaines, Michael Golden, Anthony Pagano, and Tom Goetzl. Yep, that was it; that was the total professorial staff plus perhaps four or five part-time lecturers who did not have an office at the university. We all got along so very well. While I worked directly with Lani handling all the administrative matters of the law school, I also typed all the professors' class handouts, exams, recorded test scores, calculated grade points (by hand), and certified all the graduates to take the state bar exam.

Professors Golden, Pagano and Bernhardt used to tease Lani, saying that he couldn't run the law school without me. Truth was, it was the Dean's easy-going, laid-back, and seemingly quiet, contemplative personality that was the linchpin in helping create the harmony and focus of the then-young and competitive little law school known as Golden Gate.

ALOHA TO LANI BADER

PROFESSOR AND DEAN EMERITUS J. LANI BADER LEAVES A RICH LEGACY TO THE SCHOOL OF LAW

Lani Bader is not retiring. At the end of spring semester 2006 he leaves university teaching to focus on his professional arbitration and mediation practice.

But the School of Law is losing one of its most beloved and influential professors and administrators. "Lani Bader put the School of Law on the map," says the dean who succeeded him, Dean Emeritus Judy McKelvey.

A MASTER ARBITRATOR

Lani Bader grew up in Hawaii, where his parents moved in 1927 when the San Francisco Emporium, for which Bader's father worked as a commercial artist and displayman, offered his parents the chance to relocate to the islands. "My father considered his work high art," says Bader. "He was a graduate of the San Francisco Art Institute and conceived of a display window as a three-dimensional canvas."

Lani Bader is no less a master craftsman in his chosen field. Professor and Dean Emeritus J. Lani Bader is one of the best known professional arbitrators in the Bay Area and far beyond. His extensive experience in dispute resolution as an arbitrator and mediator has included chairing the Arbitration Panel in the first class arbitration conducted in the United States—the historic *Southland v. Keating* case.

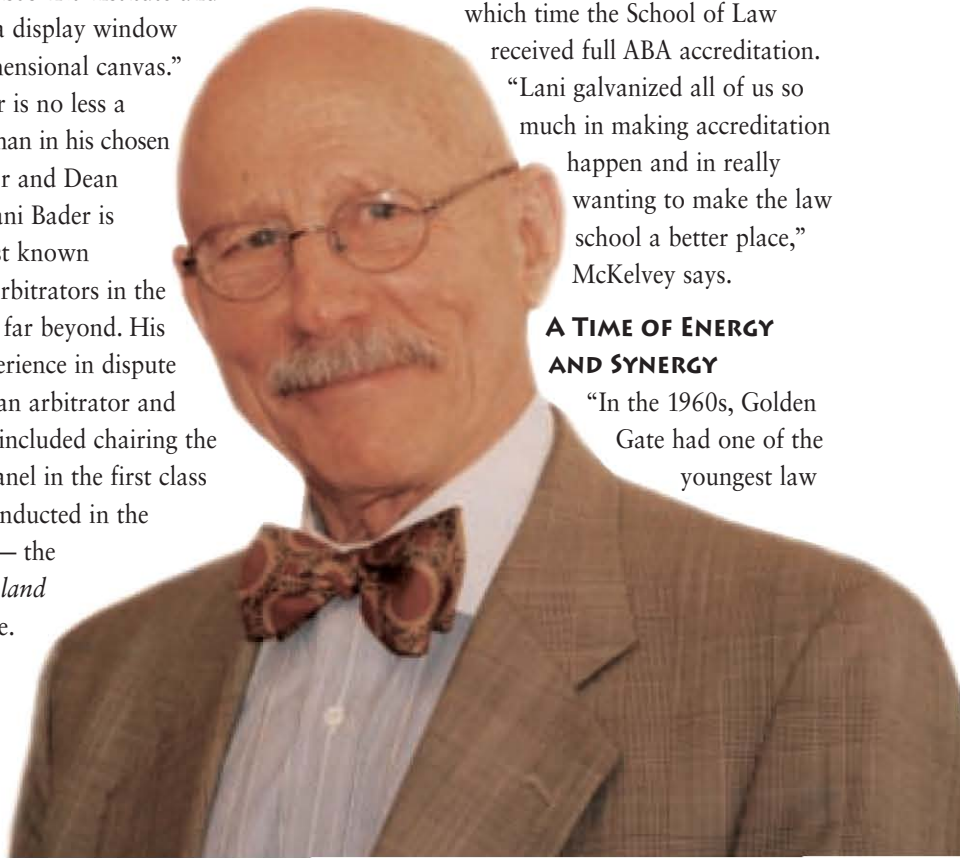
Bader has arbitrated over 400 cases, with disputed amounts of up to \$700,000,000. He specializes in complex commercial cases that involve mergers and acquisitions and financing and securities transactions. He is coeditor of the seminal work *California ADR Practice Guide* and has authored and contributed to several other major works on arbitration. In addition, he conceived and helped create arbitrator training tapes produced by the American Arbitration Association, for which he has served on its National Arbitration Panel since 1964 and its Mediation Panel since 1984.

Simply put, in the words of Judy McKelvey, "Lani is a brilliant guy."

He is also one of the most influential deans the School of Law ever had, having served as dean from 1969 to 1973, during which time the School of Law received full ABA accreditation. "Lani galvanized all of us so much in making accreditation happen and in really wanting to make the law school a better place," McKelvey says.

A TIME OF ENERGY AND SYNERGY

"In the 1960s, Golden Gate had one of the youngest law



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school faculty in the country,” says Bader, who at age 36 was the youngest dean of an ABA-accredited law school. In the university’s centennial publication *Celebrating 100 Years*, he writes, “There was a special intimacy of our Law School in the 60s ... Students, faculty, and staff were all in it together, as it were, and there was an energy and synergy about the place that I hope none of us will ever forget.”

In addition to gaining accreditation for the law school, Bader expanded the full-time faculty. One of those he hired was Professor and Dean Emeritus Anthony Pagano.

“Lani was a real innovator in legal education,” Pagano says. “He hired a lot of good people. He actively recruited women students at a time when other law schools were keeping levels to about 10%. And he gave students more of a voice in decision making.”

Pagano also stressed Bader’s contributions to the curriculum at GGU Law, where he has taught corporations and finance for nearly four decades. “Lani is the foundation for our commercial curriculum,” Pagano says.

But Bader’s influence on the School of Law can be measured in far more personal terms.

A MAJOR INFLUENCE

“Lani had a major influence on the direction of my life,” says Mark Webb (JD 75). Arriving at Golden Gate from Harvard, “with good LSATs but bad grades,” Webb was accepted into the law school’s evening program. By the end of his first year he was at the top of his class. Wanting out of the evening program, he approached Dean Bader—who switched him to the day program and offered him full paid tuition.

“Then, during the second year of law school, my marriage busted up,” Webb says.

“I was really distraught, in bad shape and thinking of dropping out. I again went into Dean Bader’s office, and—I’ll never forget—said, ‘Dean, I really appreciate your helping me, but I just need to take a break.’ He looked at me and said, without emotion but just factually stating it, ‘Mark, if you drop of law school now, you will never come back.’ It dawned on me that this was a pivotal moment. I took his advice and stayed in law school.”

Webb went on to work as an assistant US attorney in San Francisco and a special attorney in the US Department of Justice’s organized crime and racketeering section. Today he has his own practice in San Francisco that specializes in civil litigation, plaintiff personal injury, and mediation.

“Dean Bader helped me during a very tough time that I was going through as a young man,” Webb says. “If I had split from the law school I may well have never gone back. I still remind him of it!”

“I took Professor Bader’s Corporations class in 1984—it was one of the best classes I’ve experienced,” recalls another former student, Matthew P. Guasco (JD 84). I remember him as an educator of uncommon skill and clarity.”

Today, Guasco, like legions of other professional arbitrators, continues to benefit from Bader’s pedagogical skills. An appellate attorney, arbitrator, and mediator with the Ventura, California-based firm of Norman, Dowler, Sawyer, Israel, Walker & Barton, Guasco also teaches a mediation course at Pepperdine University School of Law. “One of the tapes I use in my class is one Professor Bader helped to produce for the American Arbitration Association,” he says. “Professor Bader is respected by those of us in the arbitration and mediation professions for his substantial contribution to scholarship in those subjects.

“I am proud that a professor from my alma mater has earned such a reputation in my chosen field,” Guasco adds. “I congratulate him on this next chapter of his illustrious career.”

He was, and I suspect still is, one of the best listeners I have ever known. With a twinkle in his eye, even when one or more of his professors were exercised about something (okay, that happened fairly often), he would simply listen, say little if anything, then I would watch him go somewhere while he thought about his response. And he could usually restore calm, with professors and/or students, with a quiet presentation that always amazed me. I never heard him yell. Not once, even when he had every right to—like the day the students refused to take their final exams due to the Vietnam War, or the day the students threw him a birthday party with marijuana-laced brownies!

In 1972 Lani called me into his office to tell me that he and the professors thought I ought to go to law school. I said I didn’t want to be a lawyer, had absolutely no interest. Lani made me the proverbial offer I couldn’t refuse: If I did well enough on the LSAT I would be admitted, and the tuition was covered by the University’s tuition remission program for full-time employees.

Here I sit, 30 years after graduating from the night program at GGU School of Law, a United States Magistrate Judge after having been a deputy DA, in private practice for 8 years, and a state Municipal Court, then Superior Court judge. I honestly mean it when I say I owe all of this in very large measure to J. Lani Bader. He was and is a dear and true friend who respected, trusted, and encouraged me in so many ways. And he led the School of Law through rough and rocky times, taking a small, not-so-well-known law school to and through ABA accreditation, to campus expansion, to the hiring of highly regarded new professors to add to those already dedicated to this little school.

Upon learning of Lani Bader’s retirement, I have had such fun reminiscing. We were a small family in the early 70s; we were little but we were mighty. You had to be there to watch Dean Bader corral (lovingly) the likes of Roger Bernhardt, Mike Golden, Mike DeVito, Cherie Gaines, and Tony Pagano (as well as Marvin Rous and Joey Altschule from the class of 1972). Thank you, Lani, for all you did to put and keep Golden Gate University School of Law on the map. And, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for your vision that in a very significant way has allowed me to sit in my exquisitely beautiful chambers in a brand new federal courthouse in Fresno, thinking of you.

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
Environmental Moot Court Team
members *Michelle Hunton,*
Clarissa Cannavino, and
Clarissa Kearns



Law Teams SHINE at Local and National COMPETITIONS

As reported in the winter alumni newsletter, GGU Law students took first place at the 2005 San Francisco Trial Lawyer's Association competition. Hard work by students and their faculty and alumni coaches has yielded more successes in '06. Golden Gate won third in the overall competition at the 2006 Stanford Invitational Mock Trial Competition, competing on a personal injury case against five teams from Stanford University; three from Boalt Hall, University of California, Berkeley; three from the University of California, Los Angeles; two from the University of California, Hastings; and two from the University of San Francisco. The GGU Law Team members were third-year students Corey Allen and Dan Taylor and second-year students Karin Bassa and David Potteiger.

Allen, an Honors Lawyering Program student whose third-year schedule also included an externship with Judge **Anne Bouliane (JD 80)** and serving as a teaching assistant, Student Bar Association secretary, and peer mentor, says preparing for the mock trial "was intense; we had only a month to prepare. But it was so worth it, in terms of the prestige and in giving us the practical knowledge we'll need to go out into the world as practicing lawyers." A former theater major in her native Arkansas who has set her sights on litigation practice, Allen says the judge in the competition complimented GGU students' poise and demeanor in the courtroom. Not to say there wasn't

constructive criticism by the judges or in the preparations leading up to the competition. But when it comes to criticism, Allen quips, "law school doesn't hold a candle to the theater!" Coaching this team, as she has several others for GGU, was **Wendy Bemis (JD 01)**, recipient of the 2006 School of Law Alumni Volunteer of the Year Award.

Golden Gate University also made strong showings at state and national environmental law competitions. At the 2006 National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition at Pace University School of Law in White Plains, New York, the preeminent environmental law moot in the country, GGU advanced to the quarterfinal round in a contest involving 72 teams. Team members were second-year student Clarissa Cannavino and 3Ls Michele Hunton and Clarissa Kearns; **Kristin Henry (JD 02)** served as coach as an outstanding coach for the third straight year. This marks only the second time GGU Law has advanced to the quarterfinals in the competition's 18-year history. Also, 2Ls Nathan Whittington and Cember Picconi finished second in the 2006 California State Bar Law Student Environmental Negotiations Competition. Twenty teams from 16 schools including Boalt, Hastings, UC Davis, UCLA, Loyola, Santa Clara University School of Law, and University of San Francisco competed. GGU students have historically done extremely well in the competition, including winning it last year. The students, who received \$500 in cash for their success, were superbly coached by GGU alumna **Robin Salsburg (JD 02)**.

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GGU SWEEPS AWARDS at ABA 14th Circuit Law Student Division Meeting

The School of Law received all three awards granted at the February regional conference of the American Bar Association (ABA) Law Student Division, 14th Circuit, which was held at the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento in February. The 14th Circuit includes all ABA-accredited law schools in Northern California and Nevada. GGU received two Bronze Keys for overall highest number of students who are ABA members and largest increase in ABA membership among students. What's more, a GGU student received the Silver Key, the Circuit's highest student honor, for most involved ABA representative in the Law School Division 14th Circuit.

The Silver Key went to Barbara Brenkus (JD 06), GGU representative and the Circuit's lieutenant governor for diversity. Nina Paul, 14th Circuit Governor of the ABA Law Student Division, praised Brenkus for her service. "She has aided the ABA representatives of several schools in setting up programming to celebrate 'Diversity Day' and in setting up a diversity event for all area law schools as well," Paul says. "Not only does Barbara better the lives of the students at her school, she seeks to help other law students and benefit the lives of the community at large."

Golden Gate received these Law Student Division honors last year, too, thanks to the hard work of former Student Bar Association President **Rebecca Collaco (JD 05)** and other former students.

Moot Court Helps PRACTICING LAWYERS Prepare Their Oral Arguments

The School of Law and its Appellate Advocacy Institute is hosting a series of Moot Courts for Practicing Lawyers to help attorneys argue their cases in appellate court. Established by Professor Myron Moskowitz, director of the institute and a noted professor of landlord-tenant and criminal law, the program was designed to serve the legal profession and the judiciary—along with GGU students, who have the rare opportunity to observe real lawyers arguing real courses right on campus. Participating attorneys, who have included several GGU Law alumni, can receive one hour of MCLE credit for participating in the program. At the end of the argument, the "judges" give the attorney feedback and suggestions that might increase their chance of success in their real argument.



Kari Hong practices her argument before Moot Court "justices" (from left) attorney Tom Dashiell and professors Myron Moskowitz and Marc Greenberg.

"To my knowledge, there is nothing like this program in the country," Moskowitz says.

Participating attorneys have argued for appellants ranging from the San Francisco Firefighters Local 798 to an inmate on death row represented by appellate attorney Clay Seaman.

"I was fully prepared," Seaman said following his oral argument before the California Supreme Court on February 15. "I had answers for everything, and pretty good answers at that. Most of those answers arose from the comments by the Moot Court panel. The rest were answers that I came up with after going home and thinking about the Moot Court. The Supreme Court did not ask me even one question that I had not already considered and for which I was otherwise unprepared. All credit is due to the Moot Court Panel and their great observations."

Alumni who have participated in the Moot Court include "judge" **Diana Sam (JD 95)**. Alumni interested in participating in the moot as "judges" or to practice their oral arguments should contact Professor Moskowitz at (415) 442-6646 or mmoskovitz@ggu.edu. Space is limited, and at least a month's notice is requested.

Jury Duty to JOB OFFER

Not many jury duty assignments result in a job offer. But that's just what happened for Kari Silva (JD 07) in February, when she was called to report to the San Francisco Superior Court during winter break. "I'd been planning to spend it job hunting and snow boarding," she says.

The case, involving a breach of contract issue, was presided over by Superior Court Assistant Presiding Judge David L. Ballati and lasted a day and a half. "Being a law student made it more difficult in some respects," Silva says, "for example, in having some legal knowledge but having to just follow the instructions and not answer questions or give information to other jurors that was not appropriate to this case. I had to try not to think about how the lawyers were



Kari Silva

doing, or what I felt was missing, and just go to my notes." It was also tough, she says, because all the other jurors knew she was a law student and would frequently ask her questions.

Silva turned to Judge Ballati for guidance. "I asked him, 'How much legal education can I use [in deliberating]? How much should I keep to myself?' The judge gave me specific instructions.

He said, 'You can help them with the terminology, but you can't explain the law to them.'"

After the trial had ended, Judge Ballati sent a letter to the jurors thanking them for their service. On the letter to Silva he added a note inviting her to assist him as an extern. Silva landed a GGU Judicial Externship working for Judge Ballati this past semester. She conducts research, motions, and analysis for the judge on Mondays and Wednesdays, receiving three units of credit. "Judge Ballati has been so supportive," she says. "He'll invite me into his courtroom and lets me sit in on settlement conferences. It has been so interesting to see how lawyers make their cases. I never thought I would want to be a trial lawyer, but now I see it as a possibility."



Robert Lazo

WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS CLINIC Benefits from Funds Raised to HONOR ATTORNEY'S MEMORY

Robert Lazo founded San Francisco's Employment Lawyers' Group in 2001 to continue his work in representing employees who had been discriminated against, harassed, or otherwise mistreated because of race, gender, or sexual orientation. His death from cancer just a few years later at age 41 cut short his career. In tribute to his passion and commitment, a group of his friends and colleagues, including GGU adjunct

professor and international business attorney Barton S. Selden, raised over \$3,700 for Golden Gate's Women's Employment Rights Clinic (WERC).

Lazo received his law degree (and a master's in Latin American studies) from Stanford University. Although he was not a Golden Gate Law alumnus, because his ideals so closely matched those of the WERC, his friends and colleagues decided it was the perfect place to honor his memory.

Lazo's achievements on behalf of his clients were tremendous. He successfully advocated for workers at a processing plant who were denied bathroom breaks, and for a gay, Latino postal worker who suffered years of verbal and physical harassment. In his most famous case, he served as co-counsel in the wrongful death suit brought by Sharon Smith, whose partner Dianne Whipple was fatally mauled by neighbors' dogs outside their San Francisco Pacific Heights apartment. Lazo successfully argued that a domestic partner was as entitled to sue as a married spouse. The lawsuit became the first in the country in which a same-sex partner was given survivor standing in a wrongful death case.

The cases that didn't get publicity were equally important. "One thing I loved about Robert was he would take a case just because it was the right thing to do, even if it didn't necessarily involve large damages or would have a major outcome," says Moira McQuaid, a Burlingame-based attorney who formerly practiced with Lazo. "He had the courage to take on cases he knew would be difficult. And because he was bilingual, he

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could easily represent Spanish-speaking women.”

Representing low-income Latinas is the focus of many of the WERC’s activities and another reason Lazo’s friends and colleagues contributed to the WERC in his memory. “As the one-year anniversary of Robert’s death was approaching at the end of 2005, I thought contributions to an institution that fights the same fights he did would be appropriate, and everyone I contacted who had known him agreed,” Selden says.

Marci Seville, WERC director, says, “The generous donations in Robert Lazo’s memory will be used to support our graduate

law fellowship. Each year, we have a new lawyer working with us who is deeply committed to representation of the working poor and to mentoring our law students.”

In a 2001 article in the *San Francisco Daily Journal*, Lazo wrote, “Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream that one day we all would be judged by our character, not the color of our skin ... I see myself participating in that dream as an advocate for civil rights in the workplace.”

Through the donations made to the Women’s Employment Rights Clinic, Robert Lazo’s dream and legacy will live on.

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Environmental Law and Justice Clinic Receives CLEA AWARD and Achieves MAJOR VICTORY

Golden Gate’s Environmental Law Program and its Environmental Law and Justice Clinic (ELJC) were recognized on many fronts recently. The clinic has received the coveted CLEA Award for Excellence in a Public Interest Case or Project from the Clinical Legal Education Association, for “significantly redress[ing] a high-priority need of a low-income community.”

The clinic received the CLEA Award for its Southeast San Francisco Energy Project, in which Golden Gate law faculty and student clinicians have worked with community organizations over the past 12 years to shut down polluting power plants and stop the influx of new polluting plants in the predominantly minority Southeast San Francisco communities of Bayview-Hunter’s Point and Potrero. Clinic students and staff have engaged in administrative proceedings, court litigation and negotiations, while the clinic’s clients have worked with government

agencies to develop a new and more sustainable approach to energy reliability.

This spring, the clinic and its clients celebrated an important victory: the official closure of the Hunter’s Point Power Plant, widely blamed for medical problems and for harming marine life in San Francisco Bay. (See the *San Francisco Daily Journal* article about the clinic’s effort at www.ggu.edu/law.)

In a press release about the Mirant plant developments, Professor and ELJC Codirector Alan Ramo says, “We believe this ruling, combined with the closing of the Hunter’s Point Power Plant, is the beginning of a revolution.... These are steps in the right direction towards a cleaner city and we can’t be more pleased.”

The achievements of Golden Gate’s

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ELJC Codirector Alan Ramo

The clinic is also encouraged by another recent development: the California Energy Commission’s agreement to terminate a proposal to double the size of the Mirant-owned power plant in the Potrero neighborhood. The commission’s decision could mean the demise of the entire Mirant plant complex as new sources of energy become available.

Environmental Law Program have not gone unnoticed. It is ranked one of the nation’s top 20 such programs in the 2007 edition of *US News and World Report*’s “America’s Best Graduate Schools.” Golden Gate’s Environmental Law Program has made this list for the past five years.



Legendary federal judge and former GGU Law faculty member Thelton Henderson was on campus March 28 for a screening of Soul of Justice: Thelton Henderson's American

Journey by filmmaker Abby Ginzberg. Following the standing-room-only film screening and panel discussion, students had a chance to meet the judge at a reception. The National Lawyers Guild sponsored the events.

Law FACULTY and STAFF Engaged in DIVERSITY EFFORTS

Several members of the law school faculty and staff are engaged in local, statewide, and national efforts to increase diversity in law schools and the legal profession. Assistant Dean for Law Career Services Susanne Aronowitz has been appointed to the planning committee for the Second Annual National Association for Law Placement Diversity Summit, which will take place in Chicago in March 2007. Assistant Director for Employer Relations Courtney Fitzgibbons is chair of the Bay Area Legal Recruitment Association's Diversity Committee. Assistant Dean for Bar Exam Services Rodney Fong and Dean Frederic White serve on the California State Bar and American Bar Association Diversity Pipeline committees, and he and Dean Frederic White will speak at the State Bar of California's Diversity Conference in June 2006 in San Jose on "Creating a Critical Mass in Law Schools." Professor and Associate Dean for Faculty Development David Oppenheimer serves on the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights.

The law school also hosts on-campus events directed toward increasing diversity in legal education. For example, on February 28 the Law Admissions Office hosted a Law School Admissions Council Minority Outreach Program that brought students from area high schools to the School of Law for a presentation and tour.

Law Library Creates NEW WEBSITE in Honor of JESSE W. CARTER

By Janet Fischer

Jesse W. Carter, Class of 1913, is among the most distinguished graduates of Golden Gate University School of Law (then Golden Gate Law College). After graduating, he served as District Attorney of Shasta County and City Attorney for the City of Redding before his appointment in 1939 to the California Supreme Court, where he served until his death in 1959.

During an age of war followed by McCarthyism, Justice Carter had the

courage to dissent from many of the court's decisions, earning himself the title "The Lone Dissenter." The School of Law faculty is presently collaborating on a book commenting on a number of Justice Carter's most important dissents. In support of this project, the Law Library has created a website to host a list of his opinions, dissents, copies of over 20 speeches he gave during his career, and other materials as they become available. This web site may be

accessed at <http://www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary/jesseccarter>. The Law Library also houses a collection of primary material relating to Justice Carter, including legal documents and photographs.

The Law Library is grateful to Justice Carter's grandson, Scott Carter, for donating materials from his personal collection.

Janet Fischer is acquisitions and government documents librarian for the Law Library at Golden Gate University.

"I have an **abiding faith in the fairness** of the great mass of American people who I believe will unite in support of a leadership which has for its objective the **establishment** of a society where **social equality and economic stability** are not only Utopian theories but realities . . ."

Jesse W. Carter



Latino law students gathered for a visit by Nelson A. Castillo, HNBA president (back row, center) in March. At far left is Helen Santana (JD 91, MBA 05).



Life for a Law School PARENT



I'm very grateful that GGU allows all sorts of different people to attend law school," says 2L Johanna Kleppe, shown above with four-year-old Julia.

"Thanks to the school's flexibility and supportive faculty, I don't have to choose between pursuing a dream of practicing law and mothering my child.

I can do both.



FROM LEFT, Professors Chris Okeke and Sompong Sucharitkul, SJD student Remigius Chibueze, and Professor Jon Sylvester.



HISPANIC BAR PRESIDENT Meets with STUDENTS

Nelson A. Castillo, Esq., president of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), visited the School of Law in March to meet with students and faculty. After meeting with Dean Frederic White, whom he called a "kindred spirit," Castillo spoke to GGU Latino law students, drawing from personal experience to illustrate the networking and career development opportunities the HNBA can provide. A graduate of St. John's University School of Law and principal of the New York-based Castillo Law Firm, PLLC, Castillo came to the United States from El Salvador in 1974. The challenge of adapting to a new culture and language led him to drop out of high school in the 10th grade. Later, while getting his GED, he became interested in the law "by sheer accident—as a fan of the *LA Law* TV show. I thought, 'If [actor] Jimmy Smits can do it, Nelson can do it,' he recalled.

Later, while attending St. John's, he met some HNBA representatives at an American Bar Association conference in Chicago, who referred him to a New York attorney. "My first job out of law school, as well as three internships, were all as a direct result of my meeting those HNBA representatives at the ABA conference," he says.

"There are 44 million Latinos in the United States, but 28,000 Latino lawyers," he told students. "You do the math. You are the chosen few." He urged the students to make the most of their law school experience, get involved with the HNBA—which was founded in San Francisco and will hold its national conference in the city this August—and serve as mentors to other Latinos considering legal careers. "It is always time for you to give back," he said.

International Criminal Court to International Copyright Law

On March 23, Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) students Remigius O. Chibueze (LLM 05), Sutee Iamcharoenying, and Bo Jiang successfully defended their dissertations on, respectively, the International Criminal Court, Thai and US copyright law, and international air carriers' liability and implications for Chinese aviation law. Golden Gate's SJD program enables students to acquire specialized knowledge in a particular area of international law.



ABOVE, FROM LEFT, Bo Jiang, an associate with a leading Chinese law firm; Remigius Chibueze, a Bay Area attorney and solicitor and advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria; and Sutee Iamcharoenying, a captain in the Royal Thai Police Academy.

Students Reflect on Study Abroad Experiences

The School of Law operates two Summer Study Abroad Programs. In the Paris program, up to 60 US or Canadian students and up to 40 European students spend a month studying comparative law together at the University of Paris X (Nanterre), where they are taught by American and French law faculty and meet with judges at France's highest courts. In the Bangkok, Thailand Summer Law Program, approximately 30 students from law schools worldwide study international law at Rangsit University, where they learn from US, European, and Thai professors and take trips to such sites as the UN Social and Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

Studying Comparative Law in Paris

By Hourii Andalibian (JD/PhD in Clinical Psychology 07)

Every successful student learns that in order to be successful in law school, you sweat to learn the "system" and fit yourself into it. There's a formula for how to analyze, how to answer and how to write.

Any blueprint ways of thought, whether it's the Socratic Method, the IRAC (issue, rule, application, conclusion), or even the Constitution, are all ways of thinking that although thought-provoking, are also powerfully thought-shrinking. We struggle every day from 9 am to midnight to learn these systems of thought inside and out. As we do so we develop strong paradigms which become increasingly difficult to step out of. A genuine danger grows where open-minded analysis is permitted only within certain schemas of thought.

Studying law this summer in Paris served as an unexpected remedy to this problem, which is often unconscious. On previous travel programs I'd trained hard to diagnose and remedy my own ethnocentrism. But being a "zealous advocate" can be fueled by ethnocentrism. So what to do?

It is not just the substantive law of Europe that I found to be so interesting and valuable. Those facts, statutes, and cases will unfortunately become vague or completely lost over the years as I'm hit with competing information like a tornado. Rather, it is the knowledge that different ways of thinking exist—quite modernly, quite developed, and quite functionally. For example, it was fantastic to have the professor from Heidelberg teach us the reasoning behind hate speech restrictions in Europe. As a Constitution-loving American, any limitations on free speech seem undeveloped and politically immature. While maintaining my preference for the American system, it was profoundly useful to gain an understanding of the European system and to be able to take their reasoning into consideration in other areas.

This broadening of thought and understanding brings with it many benefits. It comes, however at a cost. A cost of putting aside what is familiar and comfortable and opening yourself up to listen to speakers who seem drastically extreme and force you to push your own limits of understanding. It is often daunting and exhausting. As students of the Paris program, these benefits came to us partly at this price, and partly as a gift. A gift from the organizers who mastered the art of understanding, and who bridged together different methods of thought in order to bring us this experience and out of our shells.

Thailand Testimonials

"The Bangkok program has provided an intellectual forum as well as a memorable cultural experience. The opportunity to travel to a distant land, experience the culture while continuing my legal education, has assisted me in reaching my ultimate goal, of participating in international law. The interaction with the government, NGOs, and the UN has opened doors previously closed."

— Amanda Grudinskas
University of Florida School of Law

"I leave Thailand a different person."

— Craig Small (JD 07)



Hourii Andalibian



ABOVE:

Participants in GGU's Bangkok summer program on a trip to northeastern Thailand hosted by the country's former deputy prime minister. Thailand program Assistant Director Thaikow Sucharitkul is front row, third from left.

KEEPING IT REAL

Golden Gate's Real Property Law Program Gives Students an Edge—and Helps Generations of Alumni Carve Successful Niches in the San Francisco Bay Area

In 1932, students at Golden Gate College School of Law studied executory interests, concurrent ownership, adverse possession, and rule against perpetuities in Forrest M. Pearce's real property class. These concepts are still being taught at Golden Gate—and are still confounding some students as they no doubt did in 1932.

"Rule against perpetuities is the worst thing on the planet!" jokes Barbara Brenkus (JD 06), an avowed "real estate fanatic" and aspiring construction law attorney. Brenkus is gaining hands-on training in the School of Law's real property classes and clinics and priceless perspective from professors who are also seasoned practitioners. The need for such training and real-world perspective is great.

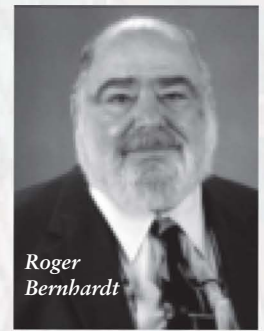
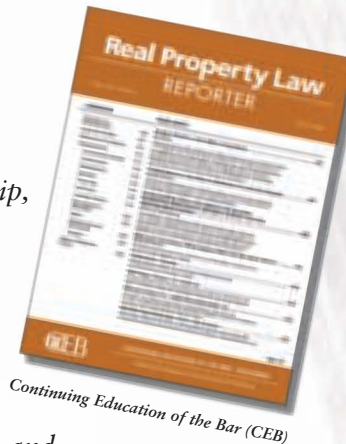
"California is experiencing a massive influx of people from within and without the US," says real property litigation attorney David Wasserman (JD 94, LLM 95). "Real property issues are going to dominate the state's landscape just by that fact alone. . . . The bottom line is real property is going to be everything."

Below is an overview of some of the School of Law's real property faculty and clinics and an introduction to a few alumni practicing real property law in the Bay Area.

Property, mortgages, and finance are at the heart of transactional real estate law, and Golden Gate University Law Professor Roger Bernhardt is one of California's top experts in these areas. Countless attorneys in the Golden State know Bernhardt, at Golden Gate since the 1960s, as editor and cofounder of the *Real Property Law Reporter* (pictured above). As chief editor of this periodical, published by Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB), Bernhardt reviews new cases, examines their impact on practice, and writes analytical articles and a lively column to keep practitioners current. He is also editor and author of many important textbooks, including CEB's *Mortgage and Deed of Trust Practice*, *California Real Estate Finance* (Carolina Academic Press) and *Real Property in a Nutshell* (West Group).

"I have never had another author who is as precise and careful in reporting the law as Roger is," says Bonnie Maly (JD 78), who practiced real estate litigation for 16 years before becoming CEB's real property law project manager and publications attorney. "Many practicing attorneys refer to *California Mortgage and Deed of Trust Practice* as their bible on real property secured transactions."

"When I had Roger Bernhardt for property, he wasn't long out of law school himself, recalls Conrad Breece (JD 72). "I didn't go around saying, 'I have Roger Bernhardt for property law';



Roger Bernhardt

"Every field of professional endeavor has or should have one individual, or a few at most, who come to elevate and personify the field. There is no doubt that Roger Bernhardt is one of these defining and enriching personalities in the field of California real estate law. Those of us who have had the pleasure of working with Roger as a professional colleague, consultant and expert witness have come to appreciate the depth and breadth of his knowledge of his field and quickness of his intellect. As an expert witness, Roger's calm presence, his elegant elocution (an antique word, but a skill of great value) and his stentorian voice can make a practitioner, upon hearing Roger testify, feel he or she has stumbled into a session of the Royal Shakespeare Company declaiming the Restatement of Property. Perhaps more remarkable, there are few of us who, upon realizing what we had stumbled into, would not buy a ticket for a front row seat."

—Charles A. Hansen, partner, Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean LLP



Conrad Breece

MY FIRST CIVIL TRIAL

This spring the School of Law received a letter from Ignascio Camarena (JD 02), an attorney with Bustamante, O'Hara & Gagliasso PC, in which he tells how lessons learned at GGU helped him prevail in a case against a real estate broker. The letter is excerpted below.

Our firm primarily defends developers and contractors in construction defect cases. One of my clients is a 60-year-old, Chinese widow who does not read, write, or speak English and was defrauded by a sophisticated real estate broker. The broker helped her purchase and eventually sell the family home years earlier when her husband died. She trusted and respected him, not only because he spoke her Toisanese village dialect, but because he helped her apply for family visas. In fact, her admiration and esteem for him were so high that she honored him with being his match-maker to her niece.

Several years after the broker and the niece married, my client discovered (through her daughter's check of credit reports) \$400,000 in mortgages and credit cards in her name. The most my client has ever made in her life was \$13,000 a year as a fortune cookie maker. Eventually, they traced the identity theft back to the broker. Needless to say, a civil lawsuit ensued and criminal charges were brought.

The broker skated on the criminal charges and the civil lawsuit was eventually settled. The parties agreed to sell the home and split the profits evenly. The broker had seven months to sell the home, but was required to obtain the fair market value and list it immediately. He failed to do either. We had to bring a breach of settlement agreement and fraudulent inducement action to stop a private sale to his acquaintance.

We discovered that the broker was alleging he sold the house for the lowest offer, despite other bona fide offers that were far higher, because of a life tenancy he orally granted his ex-wife—a fact never disclosed to our client until the second litigation.

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I didn't realize at the time how fortunate I was." Breece, a transactional attorney who has represented owners of major San Francisco properties including the Embarcadero Center, One Maritime Plaza, and Golden Gateway Center, says, "Today, we take for granted that a practical publication like the *Real Property Law Reporter* exists. But when Roger started it in the 1970s, it was the first of its kind."

As a professor, Bernhardt strives to teach real property law and its rules in a practical context. "The traditional case method does little to make a student appreciate what most class discussion has to do with actually being a lawyer," he writes in an article, "Teaching Real Property Law as Real Estate Lawyering." "Rule learning appears to many students to be something to do in order to graduate law school but not very relevant to the activities of lawyering."

"Roger wants his students to be able to talk about a real situation, to use their minds to apply what they have learned in a particular case," notes Professor and Dean Emeritus Judy McKelvey, who also taught property law at GGU in the 1970s. "Rather than focus only on the theory behind cases, he wants to make sure his students have a good understanding of those cases and are prepared to handle the complex issues they present."

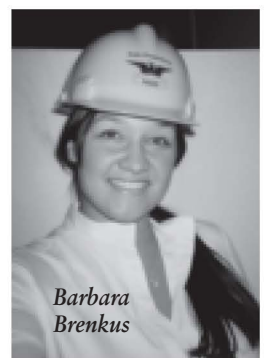
"The way Professor Bernhardt teaches the class is interesting," notes J.R. Richards (JD 06), who has served as his teaching assistant. "For example, the whole class will draw up complaints. He will compile the files into one file and spend the class going through the assignments on the overhead projector. It amounts to a type of 'roasting,' because he won't hesitate to ask, 'What in the world made you write that?' But I am really glad he does it. Better to make the mistakes in school than with a judge."

Bernhardt is a sought-after speaker who recently (with GGU real property Law Professor and Dean Frederic White) participated in a panel on teaching real property law at the American Bar Association's 16th Annual Real Property Symposium in Washington, D.C. He also frequently serves as an expert witness. In one high-profile case, he argued that the plaintiff—who first caught Barry Bonds' record-setting 73d home-run ball before losing it in a tussle—was the rightful owner of that hot little piece of property.

REAL ESTATE CLINIC

Bernhardt and Adjunct Professor Christine Tour-Sarkissian (JD 85, LLM 04) direct the Real Estate Clinic, a yearlong program in which students attend a three-credit seminar (focusing on transactions or litigation) and do a field placement at a local law firm under an attorney's direct supervision. Barbara Brenkus (JD 06) says the clinic and seminar have been a highlight of her law school career.

"Professor Tour-Sarkissian brings in specialists to the seminar," Brenkus says, "a contractor, an engineer, architects—the people you will regularly deal with as a real estate attorney. She takes students to visit a title company and a brokerage house. She prepares you for the things you will have to deal with that aren't covered in the books. She wants us to be an asset to an employer as soon as we walk through the door. How do you explain to your client that you're going to charge them \$300 an hour; do you tell them right away or do you wait for them to ask? If there's a conflict of interest, how do you explain to your client that you can't represent them anymore?" These are the real issues we face as working attorneys."



MYRON MOSKOVITZ AND THE LANDLORD-TENANT CLINIC

Students at Golden Gate can learn about landlord-tenant law from a pioneer in the field and one of the architects of modern tenants' rights in California. The author of *California Eviction Defense Manual* (CEB), *California Tenants' Rights* (Nolo), and other important works, Moskowitz is a staunch advocate for tenants' rights who played a key role in San Francisco's and Berkeley's Rent Stabilization and Good Cause Eviction ordinances—which heralded rent control in both cities. From 1979 to 1981, when rents were skyrocketing in San Francisco and in Berkeley, he saw an opportunity to change the law for the benefit of tenants.

"Myron was very instrumental in the development of these ordinances, which essentially created a whole new field—including the affirmative suits filed by tenants," says Steven Adair MacDonald (BA 76, JD 79), who has handled over 3,000 cases representing landlords and tenants.

Moskovitz is founder and director of GGU's Landlord-Tenant Clinic, in which students are assigned a clerkship with a landlord-tenant attorney to work on eviction and other landlord-tenant problems, both residential and commercial. Student clinicians work as clerks at a variety of firms and agencies, which have included San Francisco City Attorney's Office, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Bay Area Legal Aid, and many private firms, where they conduct legal research, draft pleadings and briefs, and attend hearings and trial. They meet weekly with professors to learn the practical aspects of civil practice and to discuss cases on which they are working.

"The emphasis GGU places on helping prepare students to practice law has always been a special feature to its credit," says San Francisco landlord-tenant attorney and clinic alumnus Andrew Wiegel (JD 77), founder of Wiegel & Fried LLP. "When I studied there, it was the only San Francisco school with practical courses in client interviewing and counseling. The smaller seminars were great, and the fact that many other students had a depth of personal experience beyond the standard degree from a four-year college enhanced the overall learning experience."

Landlord-tenant attorney David Wasserman (JD 94, LLM 95), president-elect of the San Francisco Apartment Association, says of attending GGU, "I received particularly strong instruction in property from [Professor Emeritus] Tom Goetzl, torts from Joan Howarth, and landlord-tenant law from Myron Moskowitz, the 'father of rent control'—that obviously made an impression on me."

"The practical experience you get at Golden Gate is second to none," Wasserman adds. "When I graduated, I could draft pleadings, draft motions, and do a lot of things many of my colleagues could not. Any alumnus from Golden Gate who wants to go into landlord-tenant law is not going to have a problem."

CERTIFICATE IN REAL ESTATE LAW

Golden Gate students can receive a Certificate in Real Estate Law, for which they must supplement required classes with others, like Environmental Law, Special Problems in Property, and Partnership Tax. They also must complete a faculty-supervised independent study project.

"Real property law is very lucrative and expanding, yet employers do not normally hire inexperienced people," says J.R. Richards, who is pursuing his certificate. "So the certificate here at GGU makes a lot of sense and gives us a competitive advantage in the field. We can go to potential employers and say that we understand the 'one-action rule,' or how to draw up a complaint, write interrogatories, and perform all of the necessary tasks of a real property lawsuit."

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The first two days of trial did not go as well as expected. The judge took us into chambers and said that while he saw a technical breach of the settlement, he did not think we would prove our case of fraud. He encouraged us to settle well below our last offer.

That night, I slept restlessly. I questioned my skills and the case. I envisioned my client being clobbered by the imbalanced scales of justice. The criminal justice system had failed her. The prior settlement had failed her. And now I was failing her.

But around 4 am, it hit me like a bolt of lightning: [GGU litigation professor] Bernard Segal wagging his finger at the defendant on the stand (who in this quasi-dream was me): 'Isn't it true, Mr. Broker, that you never once disclosed the fact that' A true legal epiphany.

On Day Three, the broker admitted that he knew about the life estate for almost 10 years and that he never told our client. He admitted that he never told his own agent in the transaction about the life estate until the open house.

Just before we rested, the judge stated for the record: "Mr. Camarena you have sustained a case for punitive damages, do you intend to examine the defendant as to his assets?" My eyes welled with tears . . . my heart pounded . . . and my body trembled with joy. Not because I had proven myself as a lawyer. But because my client finally regained face after five years of litigation.

Thanks to GGU Law and its resonant teachings. Did I mention that this was the first civil trial of my career? A nice start, I think.

LEFT:

Steven Adair MacDonald's offices are located in San Francisco's historic James Flood Building, where J.R. Richards (right) worked with him while attending GGU Law.



ADVANCEMENT NEWS

Lead Donors

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Cameron M. (90) & Jeannot Carlson	Allan H. Rappaport (85)
Patrick J. Coughlin (83) & Randi Bandman	Kathryn Ringgold (70)
Fred Drexler (47, 71) estate	Richard M. (63, 66, 88) & Barbara Rosenberg
Tracey K. Edwards (81, 83) & Morgan P. Hoff	

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Bequests. Include Golden Gate in your will or estate plan, and leave a legacy of education to future generations. Request information on making gifts of life insurance, retirement-plan benefits, stock, property, cash, or through a charitable trust.

Endowments. Establish a permanent fund in memory or honor of someone special. An endowed fund can be set up during your life or through a bequest for a wide variety of purposes.

By the numbers

Thanks to our lead givers, we have already raised \$26.7 million, which is 76 percent of our goal of \$35 million. Our progress by initiative, as of April 30, 2006:

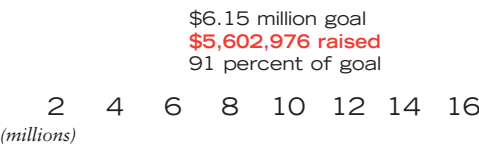
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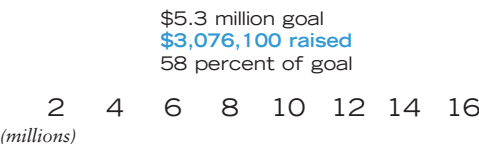
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5. Endowment



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School of Law Celebrates Its 2006 Scholarship Recipients

In February Golden Gate University honored the donors and recipients of scholarships in all of its schools, including the School of Law. The program included moving speeches from some of the donors, who spoke of Golden Gate's impact on their lives and why they created scholarships to help others succeed. The event offered a rare opportunity for donors and beneficiaries to meet. Below are some snapshots from that memorable gathering.



1. John Varga (JD 06) and Norman Spellberg (JD 65);
Richard Johnson Endowed Law Scholarship

2. Roger Lin (JD 06) and Clifford Rechtschaffen;
Environmental Law Endowed Scholarship

3. Sandra Boyle and Olivia Fleming (JD 08);
Roderick S. Polentz Memorial Endowed Law Scholarship

4. Christopher Centeno (JD/MBA 07), Lorilee Zimmer
(JD 07), GGU President Phil Friedman, Catherine Tullner
(JD 07), Sharmila Pandharipande (JD 08); Joseph R. &
June B. Rensch Endowed Law Scholarship



5. Erika Scott (JD 06); Frederick W. Bradley
(JD 66); Frederick W. Bradley Endowed
Law Scholarship





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How Dave Roberson (JD 78) Rose From Administering Contracts To Running a Multinational Corporation With Revenues Over \$2 Billion

As an undergraduate Dave Roberson (JD 78) majored in social ecology, an interdisciplinary approach to understanding and solving societal problems. That holistic world view—and a refusal to rely on any single paradigm for answers—has helped propel this GGU Law graduate to the highest post at the company he's worked at for 25 years.

Roberson is president and chief executive officer of Santa Clara—based Hitachi Data Systems (HDS), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Japan's Hitachi, Ltd. Hitachi Data Systems has evolved from a mainframe company to a storage solution provider for financial services, telecommunications, medical, and many other sectors. The company, which conducts business directly and through resellers in more than 170 countries, reports annual revenues of more than \$2 billion. Roberson's been there from the beginning, holding strategic positions across HDS—in finance, leasing, information technology, logistics, legal, administration and human resources. In 2002, he was named president and chief operating officer of HDS, and on April 1, 2006, he was promoted to president and CEO.

"People often ask me why I have stayed at one place for 25 years," Roberson says. "The answer is that things have never stopped changing, for me or for the company. We've had three different owners, we've had many different business structures, and we've run two completely different product lines—mainframe systems and data storage solutions. Six years ago, we had almost no software business; today it makes up a strong percentage of our revenue. I've had many different careers here. I've never stopped learning."

FROM GGU STUDENT TO TEACHER

"Let's roll the clock back to the 70s, when I first joined Golden Gate," says Roberson, a St. Louis native whose family moved to California when he was 16 and who received his undergraduate degree in three years at the University of California, Irvine. "Perhaps not typical of that time, I enrolled in law school right out of college. Though I was accepted in law schools elsewhere, I knew I wanted to be in San Francisco. I felt Golden Gate was the right mixture in terms of location, faculty and in providing a practical education, which was attractive to me."

During his last year of law school, Roberson took a job at Mead Data Central, a paper company (and predecessor to LexisNexis). "They needed someone to train lawyers to use their legal research system," Roberson recalls. "They were pioneers, really the Google of their time, because they opened up information in a way that had never been done before. You could do full-text searches on all the cases they had in their database. Think about it; PCs didn't exist yet; legal books were still books. Lawyers didn't know how to use computers, and I was hired to help train them."

Roberson further honed his understanding of the fledgling computer working on a contract for the University of California, Hastings College of the Law to maintain NASA's database and law library at Moffett Field, through a federal contract. Roberson was developing a niche at the nexus of computers and legal research—one of the pioneers in that area. But the work was neither paying the bills nor fulfilling his desire to more directly improve the quality of people's lives and the world they live in.

Roberson saw the need for lawyers to be trained in conducting research on computers. There was just one other course on computer law at the time, at the University of Southern California. So Roberson studied the books from

USC and took the initiative to design his own computer law course—and was hired to teach it at GGU as an adjunct professor in 1979.

One of his students worked at National Advanced Systems, the precursor to HDS. Roberson got a job as a lawyer at the company, which was owned by National Semiconductor and sold Hitachi products. In short order he was promoted to treasurer and general counsel, landing a new job with the company every two or three years. Hitachi bought the company in 1989.

“The head of Hitachi came to me and said, ‘You have to decide: Do you want to be a lawyer? A treasurer? In charge of leasing?’” Roberson decided to become more deeply entrenched in the business of Hitachi, studying financial management at Harvard Business School along the way. But he says his legal education has continued to serve him well. “The skills I learned in law school—the ability to analyze facts, to look at rules or laws or principles, to make a decision or a recommendation; that’s very similar to what you do in business.”

SIX LEADERSHIP LESSONS

Today, when he is not in meetings with customers, partners and staff, Roberson is often traveling. He averages 175,000 miles each year for his job including, on average, five trips to Japan. This spring he spoke to a group of Japanese students, sharing many of the same insights and values he shared at

GGU’s 2006 May Commencement.

“Whenever I speak to students, I share six key lessons I have learned that I firmly believe will help them in their lives and careers,” Roberson says (see above).

Roberson practices the third principal—Look Outside Where You Live—by offering services that range far beyond his company and local community. He has served as a board member and advisor to several public and private companies including Spansion, GlassHouse Technologies, IDT, RagingWire Enterprise Solutions, and Xythos. His civic activities have included serving on the State of Colorado Science and Technology Commission, on the Board of Trustees of the San Jose Repertory Theater, and on the Board of Directors of INROADS, Northern California, an organization that develops and places talented minority youth in business and industry and prepares them for corporate and community leadership.

For his achievements at Hitachi and beyond, GGU presented Roberson with the Judith G. McKelvey Award for Outstanding Achievement by an Alumnus at Commencement 2006. Named for Law Professor and

Dean Emeritus Judith McKelvey, the award is presented annually to outstanding alumni who have included judges, private attorneys, public service advocates, and others.


It would be easy for Roberson to rest on his laurels. Yet he still has many

aspirations. “I’ve never felt I’ve reached my full potential,” he says. “And I’m excited about the opportunity to increase [Hitachi Data Systems’] impact on the industry and to build meaningful careers for our people.”

He adds, “It’s a great time to be a storage company. The amount of data being stored is growing at an unprecedented rate. Our solutions store virtually anything that can be stored on a disc drive—from corporate financial records, to personal photographs. One of the reasons HDS is growing so rapidly is that people need to protect all that data, and protect it over time. Any disaster—whether an earthquake, terrorist attack, or loss of power—can destroy data that is not properly stored and protected. It’s a very exciting industry to be working in and one that requires new learning every day.”

Lest Roberson sound like a “computer nerd,” he is quick to note his many interests unrelated to data storage. For example, the father of two (including a daughter in law school) recently took up surfing with his son.

He’s quick to add, “I don’t even get a signal at home for my BlackBerry!”



*Dave Roberson addresses
more than 1,000 new recruits
for Hitachi Ltd. in Tokyo.*



The Story Behind GGU's NorCal "SUPER LAWYERS"

By Andrew Kaufteil

The *Northern California Super Lawyers* magazine highlighted something we already knew: many Golden Gate Law alumni are Super Lawyers. Every year, *Law and Politics* magazine conducts a poll of more than 46,000 Northern California active attorneys in practice five or more years, asking respondents to identify outstanding attorneys whom they have "personally observed in action."

In all, 82 GGU JD recipients were named 2005 Northern California "Super Lawyers." "Super Lawyers" comprise the top 5 percent of Northern California attorneys and work in more than 60 practice areas. Their names are listed in *Northern California Super Lawyers 2005* magazine, which was published in August by *Law and Politics* and *San Francisco* magazines; the list has also since appeared as supplements in many other publications.

Golden Gate's latest crop of "Super Lawyers" represents classes from the 1960s to the 1990s and reflects the diversity of practice environments and areas (solo practices to corporate megafirms, maritime law to counsel for the San Francisco Police Officers Association) that characterizes our graduates.

To commemorate their achievements, GGU invited our "Super Lawyer" alumni to an April reception in their honor. More than 30, from Redding to Moraga, returned to campus for the reception—a visit some had not made since they graduated. Another 40 attendees included members of the Law Dean's Advisory Board, former deans, faculty, staff, and top students (our future "Super Lawyers"). "This special event gave us such a feeling of accomplishment and gratitude to our alma mater," says well-known San Francisco family law practitioner and "Super Lawyer" Esther Lerner (JD 80).

Golden Gate's "Super Lawyers" connect with students, faculty, Dean's Advisory Board members, and administrators at a reception before the photo shoot.



Lyle C. Cavin	JD 69	Amy Rodney	JD 80
Guy N. Jinkerson	JD 69	David M. Sternberg	JD 80
Lawrence E. Kern	JD 69	James A. Tiemstra	JD 80
J. D. Barr	JD 70	George D. Yaron	JD 80
Michael J. Wall	JD 70	Jonathan C. Bacon	JD 81
Michael S. Hebel	JD 73	Cynthia A. Bernet-McGuinn	JD 81
Steven M. Kleiman	JD 73	Michael J. Brenner	JD 81
Diana E. Richmond	JD 73	Jeffrey B. Cereghino	JD 81
John F. Barg	JD 74	Paige L. Wickland	JD 81
David J. Cook	JD 74	Loretta A. Wider	JD 81
Steven R. Enochian	JD 74	Robert E. Cartwright	JD 82
Ronald D. Foreman	JD 74	Michael J. Markowitz	JD 82
Richard I. Sherman	JD 74	Antoinette G. Mills	JD 82
James A. Glimme	JD 75	Susan N. Stephens-Coats	JD 82
Peter Goodman	JD 75	Barbara S. Suskind	JD 82
Donald R. Person	JD 75	Angela M. Bean	JD 83
Pamela E. Pierson	JD 75	Lawrence M. Boesch	JD 83
Lynda L. Brothers	JD 76	Paul J. Barulich	JD 84
Terry J. Helbush	JD 76	Peter M. Hart	JD 84
Bertrand LeBlanc	JD 76	Carol A. King	JD 84
Matthew J. Shier	JD 76	Leslie A. Smith	JD 84
Jeff T. Appleman	JD 77	Ellen L. Bastier	JD 85
Thomas V. Bret	JD 77	John J. Camozzi	JD 85
John B. Frailing	JD 77		MBA 90
Robert B. Kaplan	JD 77	Barry P. Gorelick	JD 85
Arlene Kostant	JD 77	Robert L. Hines	JD 85
Scott W. Lueders	JD 77	Marte J. Bassi	JD 86
John W. Murray	JD 77	Penelope A. Chronis	JD 86
Marc L. Van Der Hout	JD 77	Thomas Norton	JD 86
Marlene G. Weinstein	JD 77	Andrea L. Palash	JD 86
Andrew J. Wiegel	JD 77	Barry A. Zimmerman	JD 86
Frank W. Yuen	MBA/JD 77	David A. Fink	JD 87
Russell F. Brasso	JD 78	Ann C. Moorman	JD 87
	LLM 85	Susan Handelman	JD 89
Rebecca L. Conradi	MBA/JD 78	John E. Harding	JD 89
George J. Cotsirilos	JD 78	Lisa E. Harding	JD 90
Jan M. Lecklikner	JD 78	Ernest F. Der	JD 91
Karen L. Hawkins	JD 79	Robert J. Waldsmith	JD 92
	MBA 81		LLM 01
Richard W. Maxion	JD 79	Simona A. Farrise	JD 93
Sean F. Gleason	JD 80	Eric K. Ferraro	JD 94
Esther R. Lerner	JD 80	Lisa C. Tarr	JD 94
Roy J. Otis	JD 80		
Virginia Palmer	JD 80		



FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT:
Tara Beer, Andrew
Stevenson, Sun Ko
BACK, FROM LEFT:
Helen Santana,
Victoria Alexeeva,
and law clerk
Daniel Fong

GGU Law Grads Make Up A Third of This Thriving Firm

By Andrew Kaufteil

The Law Offices of Helen Santana and GGU School of Law are just a block apart. But proximity isn't all they share in common. Five of the attorneys working at the firm, a workers' compensation field office for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, are GGU Law alumni. They are: **Helen Santana (JD 91, MBA 05)**, **Victoria Alexeeva (JD 03)**, **Tara Beer (JD 02)**, **Sun Ko (JD 01)**, and **Andrew Stevenson (JD 97)**.

At the helm is Santana, a committed managing attorney and mentor to her fellow alumni who values GGU as a primary resource for hiring attorneys and law clerks. With 40 employees, the Law Offices of Helen Santana is one of the largest staff legal field offices of its kind for Liberty Mutual, the Boston-based global insurance company.

Liberty Mutual and its Legal Department are known for their commitment to diversity. Beyond GGU, the firm recruits at a variety of national conferences, including the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), the National Bar Association, and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association conventions.

Santana, the firm's managing attorney, participated in the immigration clinic as a GGU student. Since graduating, she has actively supported networking opportunities and diversity initiatives for current students. As regional president of the HNBA, she participates in a variety of legal diversity initiatives, including pipeline projects to get minority students as young as middle-school students interested in the law. She serves on the HNBA Convention

Planning Committee for the 2006 convention, which will be held in San Francisco Aug. 30-Sept. 2. When not supervising her highly successful team, she returns to GGU for lectures and to use the library.

Stevenson, a technology maven with an engineering background, developed the user-friendly information system used by Liberty Mutual offices internationally. He serves as a mentor to law clerks, many of whom are GGU students and alumni like **Dan Fong (JD 04)**. Ko, a former member of the Women's Employment Rights Clinic, holds an Intellectual Property Law certificate from GGU. She is an avid volunteer for GGU's Appellate Advocacy Program and spearheaded her firm's successful continuing legal education program. Beer worked at the library as a GGU student and attended GGU's Bangkok study abroad program. She first joined the firm as a file clerk while attending GGU and credits Sun Ko for serving as her mentor while she pursued her law degree. "Sun made me feel very comfortable and was always there if I needed a question answered," says Beer, who specializes in lien defense. Alexeeva, formerly Professor David Oppenheimer's research assistant, began working in the field office as a law clerk and has since worked as a contract attorney and, today, as a full-time attorney.

Watch for future stories in *Class Action* about firms like Santana's with many GGU grads—and be sure to let us know about the firms we've missed!

CLASS NOTES

REUNION 1971 & 1976

WILLIAM R. HAERLE (JD 72) is associate general counsel and director of government relations for AMD in Sunnyvale.

RAPHAEL L. ROSINGANA (JD 72) was named chief compliance officer of Advantage Capital Development Corporation in Miami.

DIANA E. RICHMOND (JD 73), a Northern California Super Lawyer, has been involved in a major suit that addresses Same-Sex Parents' Rights.

GLYNN P. FALCON (JD 74) is president of the Palo Alto Area Bar Association.

WILLIAM M. GWIRE (JD 74), of the Gwire Law Offices, was named by *Worth Magazine* as one of the nation's top 100 lawyers serving the most affluent clientele. The group included only seven lawyers from Northern California and only four from San Francisco. Gwire presented an MCLE lecture at GGU on "Jump-Starting Your Solo or Small-Firm Practice."

TIMOTHY H. STEARNS (JD 74) became mayor of Mt. Shasta in November, after serving on the City Council for seven years. Stearns continues to maintain a full-time general civil practice as a small-town country lawyer.

LAURA STEVENS (JD 74) won an employment discrimination case featured in the *San Francisco Daily Journal*.

MARK L. WEBB (JD 75) a San Francisco personal injury attorney, was featured in the *San Francisco Daily Recorder* for his production of the documentary *Raise the Bar* about the 2004 National Mock High School Trial Championship in Orlando, Florida. See www.raise-thebarfilms.com. Webb was also featured in the *San Francisco Daily Journal* for his representation of plaintiffs in a case against Wal-Mart.

CHOICE CONNECTIONS

Many GGU students and graduates have landed choice real property jobs from faculty referrals and through the School's Law Career Services and Honors Lawyering Program. And many of the attorneys hiring them are Golden Gate grads themselves.

"When somebody like Roger Bernhardt calls and says, 'I've got a law clerk for you,' you don't say no," says MacDonald, who has hired several GGU students, including Richards. As former chair of the State Bar of California's Landlord-Tenant Subsection; author of *Landlord-Tenant Solutions in California* and the *San Francisco Rent Board User's Guide*; and a Superior Court pro tem judge, MacDonald is an example of the many well-connected and seasoned Bay Area practitioners who are reaching out to fellow GGU alumni.

Ted Bayer (JD 76), an attorney with Pinnacle Law Group in San Francisco, hired Rachael (Stiles) Seymour (JD 05) after she'd assisted him with retail leasing agreements as a GGU Honors Lawyering Program student. Bayer, a real estate transactional and property tax attorney, says of his GGU education, "The hands-on training and experience worked well for me. Courses like Roger Bernhardt's real estate finance course and Jim Smith's contracts drafting course were especially practical. The day after I was sworn into the California Bar, I had a court appearance in front of Ira Brown, the legendary judge. I remember winning the motion and thinking, 'I can do this.'"

"I make the hiring decisions at Wiegel & Fried," notes Wiegel— "and, as you can see from the composition of our team [currently including Landlord-Tenant Clinic alumni Steven C. William (JD 99), John P. Baba (JD 01), and Amy L. Arnold (JD 02)], I think GGU provides law students with a very good start."

A BROAD PERSPECTIVE

Real property doesn't exist in a vacuum—and Golden Gate law students study real property law from a variety of perspectives and in relation to many other specialty areas, including environmental law (land use regulations, toxics remediation); litigation (see sidebar on p.16 by litigation attorney Ignascio Camarena); and tax law.

For example, students interested in real property law can participate in the Tax-Aid Clinic and receive a certificate in Tax Law. The School of Law also offers an LLM in Taxation that can be extremely useful for real property attorneys. Michelle Rojas (LLM 06), vice president/branch manager, Land-America 1031 Exchange Services came to GGU to further her expertise in Section 1031 exchanges, an increasingly used section of the Internal Revenue Code that allows property owners to trade relinquished properties for "like-kind" replacement properties and defer paying taxes on the transaction.

Students can also take courses from real property law Professor Allan Cadgene, a property tax expert and a successful broker.

"Professor Cadgene taught Property II from a very knowledgeable position," Brenkus says. "He talked about his actual experiences with clients, not just the classic textbook cases. After taking his class I would feel comfortable in purchasing a home and dealing with a broker or an attorney. He taught us exactly what an Exclusive Right to Sell Contract means. He gave us a lot of insight about hot topics like tenancies in common, what our potential clients are facing, and how we as attorneys will need to deal with those clients."

"One of the things I find fascinating about real property law is that it is connected to all aspects of our economy," says Conrad Breece. "If you want to come into this field and succeed, the more you know about the lay of the land going into it, the easier it is going to be."

CLASS NOTES REUNION 1971 & 1976

CLEMENS P. WORK (JD 75) authored a new book, *Darkest Before Dawn: Sedition and Free Speech in the American West*. Work has been teaching media law and other journalism classes at the University of Montana for 16 years. He and his wife, Lucia, live in Missoula with son Brendan, headed to Swarthmore in the fall where he will join his sister Alyssa. Work has also formed a project to seek posthumous pardons for wrongfully convicted felons. For more information visit www.seditionproject.net.

CRAIG D. VAGT (JD 76, MS 87) is managing partner at Talbot, Korvola & Warwick LLP in Portland, Oregon.

ROGER F. ALLEN (JD 77) is a mediator and arbitrator with Ericksen, Arbuthnot, Kildugg, Day & Lindstrom, Inc. in Oakland.

LISA R. DUMMER (JD 78), secretary of Transgender-San Francisco competed in the Ms. Transgender SF pageant.

DONALD B. BIBLEAULT (PhD 79, LLD 00), a pioneer in the field of turnaround management, was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Association of Certified Turnaround Professionals (ACTP) at the Turnaround Management Association (TMA) 2005 Annual Convention in Chicago.

REUNION 1981 & 1986

ANNE E. BOULIANE (JD 80, LLD 00), a San Francisco Superior Court judge for more than 15 years, was profiled in the *San Francisco Daily Recorder* for her distinguished service.

CHARLES R. HENDRICKS (JD 80), a real estate developer and president of Sugar Magnolia, Inc. in Savannah, Georgia, was profiled in the *Savannah Morning News* for innovative new housing developments in the region.

DIANA R. TAYLOR (JD 80) has been practicing as a family lawyer in Eugene, Oregon, since 1999.

JAMES A. TIEMSTRA (JD 80), formerly a partner and chair of Miller, Starr & Regalia's bankruptcy practice group, has opened a firm in Oakland. His practice focuses on commercial law and bankruptcy, equipment leasing litigation, business reorganizations, and creditors' rights and workouts.

RICHARD M. SAKODA (JD 81) is CEO and general counsel of the Sino-Hawaii Association of Businesses and Manufacturers, Inc. in Honolulu.

W. S. THOMAS (LLM 82), a partner at Morgan Lewis & Bockius in San Francisco, was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in 2006 and was named by *Worth Magazine* as one of the top 100 lawyers in America serving high net worth individuals and families.

LAWRENCE M. BOESCH (JD 83) recently joined LINDA KRAMER (JD 86) and her daughter DEBORAH KRAMER-RADIN (JD 94) at the Kramer Law Firm, an estate planning and probate litigation firm in Los Altos.

PATRICK J. COUGHLIN (JD 83), with Lerach Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins in Los Angeles, was recently listed in the *San Francisco Daily Journal* "Top 100" for his work in securities litigation.

JEFFREY S. DRABIN (JD/ MBA 83) is a senior attorney with the Department of Child Support Services in Modesto.

ROBERT E. KROLL (JD 83) devotes half his time to a one-of-a-kind furniture design and building business. He also offers a unique program of parenting coaching for parents who are unable to work collaboratively with one



FROM LEFT: Teresa Wall (JD 05) and Kerri Bandics (JD 05) are currently serving as attorney advisors at the US Department of Labor, Office of Administrative Law Judges. During the spring 2006 semester, they supervised GGU law student Jessi Huff (JD 06), right, through GGU's Judicial Externship Program.

CLASS NOTES REUNION 1981 & 1986 continued

another. See berkeleyfamilylawyer.com for his article on parenting coaching.

DANIEL M. LINCHEY (JD 83), an attorney with Goldberg, Stinnett, Meyers & Davis, conducted an MCLE class on "Procedural Changes Under the Bankruptcy Reform Act" for the Bar Association of San Francisco.

WILLIAM M. AUDET (JD 84) of Alexander, Hawes & Audet, spoke at the Bar Association of San Francisco Foundation's Annual Gala in October.

DANIEL DELL'OSSO (JD 84) has joined The Brandi Law Firm in San Francisco and will chair its Auto Defects section.

MATTHEW P. GUASCO (JD 84) was featured in the *San Francisco Daily Journal* discussing the route he took to become a mediator and what it takes to be a professional neutral.

PETER A. MESHOT (JD 84) was named partner at McDowell, Meshot & Shaw in Sacramento.

BARRY P. GORELICK (JD 85), formerly of Furtado, Jaspovice &

Simon, is opening a firm in Oakland.

KAREN H. LIPNEY (JD 85) is assistant executive director of the American Federation of Television & Radio Artists.

TOVA L. ZEFF (JD 85) is a business representative with the American Federation of Television & Radio Artists and runs a transactional practice.

KEITH REYEN (JD 86), an attorney with Oium Reyen & Pryor in San Francisco, was featured in *The Recorder* for his representation of the defendant in *Rosen v. the Regents of the University of California*.

C. Z. SHAPIRO (JD 86) was honored by the *San Francisco Daily Recorder* for his volunteer work in bringing the Legal Advice and Referral Clinic (LARC) to Bayview-Hunters Point.

ALEETA M. VAN RUNKLE (JD 86), the San Francisco City Attorney Office's Chief of Neighborhood and Community Services, was quoted in the October 21, 2005 edition of the *San Francisco Daily Recorder*.

IN MEMORIAM

MICHAEL BLUMENFELD (JD 75)
JAMES N. CRITTENDEN (JD 60)
JEROME A. DAVI (JD 70)
HELEN SHAPIRO (JD 72)
KIM KRUGLICK (JD 74)

MICHAEL B. MURRAY (JD 74)
KENNETH D. ALLISON (JD 79, MBA 84)
ALAN A. WATAHARA (JD 83)
PATRICIA WIZEMAN (JD 84)
JULIE ANN W. ROGERS (JD 86)

DOUGLAS L. RAPPAPORT (JD 88) presented an MCLE session on "Ethics in Everyday Criminal Defense Practice" at GGU's 2006 "Beat the Clock" program.

JOHN E. HARDING (JD 89) serves as president of the East Alameda County Bar Association.

RYAN K. MAU (JD 89) joined Fotouhi, Epps, Hillger, Gilroy LLP as senior counsel for its Northern California office.

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DANIEL G. COOPER (JD 90) an attorney with Lawyers for Clean Water, married Martha Page Wanning on September 24, 2005.

RON M. DEL POZZO (JD 90) is a judge with the Santa Clara County Superior Court.

CHARLES E. NICHOL (JD 90), of the Law Office of Charles Nichol, led an MCLE class for the Bar Association of San Francisco titled "Options in Immigration Litigation."

JOAN SHIMIZU (JD 90) serves as director of corporate development for Hitachi Software Engineering America, Ltd.

GREGORY J. OLIVER (JD 92), Tuolumne County's lead attorney, is running to serve as Tuolumne County's Superior Court judge.

IRA P. ROTHKEN (JD 92) was noted in the *San Francisco Daily Recorder* for his involvement and expertise in invasion of privacy issues.

HELEN L. SANTANA (JD 92) heads the Law Offices of Helen Santana in San Francisco, the regional field office for Liberty Mutual Insurance. (See page 23.)

FRANK B. BEUHLER (JD 93) is manager for the Richardson Bay Sanitary District.

AMANDA BEVINS (JD 93), a criminal defense attorney, was named partner at Gagen, McCoy, McMahon & Armstrong in Danville. She married in 2000 and had a child, Reed, in 2003. "Motherhood and defending those justly and unjustly accused keeps me very busy," she writes.

ROD FLIEGEL (JD 93), a partner in Littler Mendelson, is the author of the article "Meal Break Violations Held to Shorter Statute of Limitations," which appeared in the *San Francisco Daily Journal*.

TAREY READ (LLM 93) is opening a solo general practice, which she will operate by making house calls to clients primarily in Marin and Sonoma counties.

JESSICA RUDIN (JD 93), a partner at Long & Levit LLP, led an MCLE class titled "Fee Agreements: Is it Time to Revise Yours?" for the Bar Association of San Francisco.

DIANA M. SHERA TAYLOR (JD 93) was sworn in as a judge with St. Helens Municipal Court in Oregon.

JENNIFER I. WYLLIE-PLETCHER (JD 93) was noted in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* for a course she instructed at the School of Law about domestic violence.

YONCHA L. KUNDUPOGLU (JD 94), an associate in the Los Angeles office of Hogan & Hartson, was featured in the *National Jurist* for her expertise in intellectual property law.

BROOKE OLIVER (JD 94), a San Francisco trademark attorney, was featured and quoted in the *San Francisco Chronicle* for her handling of a noted trademark case.

CLAIRE Z. THORP (JD 94) serves as director for the Southwest Region of the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation.

LAURA GIANNI (JD 95), is a partner at Gianni Petoyan, specializing in pharmaceutical product liability, medical malpractice, and employment law cases. Her son Aidan was born August 16, 2005. They enjoy living in Malibu.

JENNIFER K. KIM (JD 95) is deputy attorney general with the California Department of Justice in Los Angeles.

DANIEL PICKARD (JD 95) practices in international trade and was named partner at Wiley, Rein & Fielding LLP in Washington, D.C.

DENISE M. RILEY (LLM 95) joined U.S. Trust's San Francisco office as senior vice president. She, husband Chuck Thompson, and their three children live in Kentfield.

CURTIS F. CHRISTY-CIRILLO (JD 96) won a suit for the city against a building permit expeditor as was noted in the *San Francisco Daily Journal*.

JOSE MONTALVO (JD 96) turned 40 this year. He has "a great wife, Maggie, and two great kids, Chrisian, age 10, and Ariana, age 5." He has worked at only one firm, Cesari, Werner & Moriarty in San Francisco, since graduating from GGU.

LAURA M. PETTY (JD 96), of Yreka, is a deputy public defender in Siskiyou County, California.

JULIE QURESHI BRUSH (JD 96) is co-founder of Solutus Legal Search, LLC, a legal recruiting firm in Redwood Shores, Calif. Prior to her career as a legal recruiter, she was an attorney with Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison. She is a member of the Forum for Women Entrepreneurs & Executives, the American Bar Association, and the San Francisco Bar Association.

JASON ROBMAN (JD 96) serves as counsel for Navigant Consulting in San Francisco, and presented an MCLE session on "Ethical Issues in Electronic Data Discovery" at GGU's 2006 "Beat the Clock" program.

BRIAN SORIANO (JD 96), adjunct professor and a senior associate at San Francisco's Goldstein, Gibson & Harris, coached the GGU mock trial team to victory at the 2005 San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association trial competition.

PHILLIP K. WANG (JD 96), a partner at Gordon & Rees LLP, delivered an MCLE training seminar titled "What Commercial Real Estate Owners and Tenants Should Know About the 2005 Bankruptcy Reform Act" for BASF.

JEFFREY J. GREENE (JD 97), a partner with DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary in Seattle, Washington, was named a "rising star" by *Washington Law and Politics* magazine.

APRIL REID (JD 97) is practicing as a personal injury attorney, concentrating mostly on motor vehicle accidents in the Bay Area.

LINNEA SOSA (JD 97) is assistant vice president and trust officer for Mechanics Bank.

ANDREW L. STEVENSON (JD 97) is an attorney for the Law Offices of Helen Santana, the San Francisco field office of Liberty Mutual.

CARRIE S. BOURDEAU (JD 98) was promoted to assistant general counsel for the Clark County School District.

SHEILA FLANAGAN (JD 98), an attorney specializing in the medical and scientific aspects of occupational and environmental disease, has been named a partner of Burnham Brown in Oakland.

LAYNE K. FRIEDRICH (JD 98), attorney for Lawyers for Clean Water, was quoted in the *Contra Costa Times* for his involvement in the prominent Baykeeper lawsuit in Richmond.

JAMES HARRISON (JD 98), an attorney in Sacramento, was quoted in the *San Francisco Daily Recorder* for his involvement in a constitutional law case concerning airport identification.

JENNIFER M. KEITH (JD 98), formerly managing attorney of Bay Area Legal Aid, will join Berra, Stross, and Wallacker, a family law firm in San Mateo.

JULIA VAX (JD 98) was named partner at Howard, Rice, Nemerovski, Canady, Falk & Rabkin.

MATTHEW R. BRISCH (JD 99, LLM 01), formerly assistant Clinton County attorney, is now City Attorney for Clinton, Iowa. The city attorney's job includes prosecuting violations of city ordinances, representing the city in civil matters, and serving as a legal adviser to the city council.

ELIZABETH A. COHEE (MS 95, JD 99) presented an MCLE class on "Issues Regarding Advertising, Marketing, and Avoiding Client Conflicts (Ethics)" at GGU's 2006 "Beat the Clock" program.

SCOTT E. CRIPPS (LLM 99) was named chief fiduciary officer for Wealth and Trust divisions of Citizens Bank of San Diego.

MASOOD A. KHAN (JD 99) was named vice president of The Greenspan Company-Adjusters International in South San Francisco.

HECTOR R. MARTINEZ (JD 99) is an attorney with the Law Offices of Mallison & Martinez in Lafayette.

ADRIENNE M. MCMILLAN (JD 99), of San Francisco Superior Court's ACCESS Center, was honored by the *San Francisco Daily Recorder* for assisting in the launch of the Bayview Legal Advice and Referral Clinic (LARC).

GLENN A. ROSE (JD 99) is an immigration attorney with The Rose Firm in San Francisco's financial district. Visit his website at: <http://immigrationlawattorney.com>.

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JUAN C. ARANEDA (JD 00) is an associate practicing in employment, insurance and professional liability with Long & Levit LLP in San Francisco.

YVONNE J. COWLEY (JD 00) welcomed a baby boy, Kallias Srem, on August 30, 2005.

EMILE A. DAVIS (JD 00), a plaintiff-side employment attorney, was named partner at Winer, McKenna & Davis in Oakland.

REGINALD HENDERSON (LLM 00), an attorney-investigator with the US Navy, accepted a position in 2001 as an adjunct professor of criminal justice and business law at Park University's Washington, D.C., campus.

KRISTINA L. HILLMAN (JD 00) practicing union-side labor law, was named partner at Weinberg, Roger & Rosenfeld in Alameda.

Tim Smallsreed (JD 77), fifth from left, a partner at Fitzgerald Abbott & Beardsley, hosted a visit to the firm by GGU students (from left) Ashley Cowgill, Jeanette Haggas, Roxana Smith, Andje Morovich, Alexandra Perret, Jane Wines, Christina Caro, Eric Tetrault, and Syrus Nyaiesh.



MICHELLE D. JEW (JD 00) left her firm after the birth of her son, Shane Asher Esters (shown above), born on October 15, 2005. She is working as a contract attorney so she can spend more time with Shane.

ANDREA K. LEISY (JD 00) is a partner at Remy, Thomas, Moose and Manley LLP in Sacramento, specializing in the California Environmental Quality Act and other land-use and environmental matters.



Robin Wahl-Nesbitt (JD/MBA 00), third from left in lavender jacket, at the ringing of the NYSE bell.
Photo by Chris Larsen.

RIKKI SENDER (JD 00) is a deputy public defender for Los Angeles County.

PAGE A. TYRAN (JD 00), after four years with the Napa County Department of Child Support Services, recently opened a practice in Napa, handling family law matters.

LIZ A. VILLANUEVA (JD 00) was married in 2004 and offered a position as a mentor at the US Department of Labor. She was elected vice president of public relations for labor toastmasters and is slated to receive the Competent Toastmasters Award.

ROBIN R. WAHL-NESBITT (JD/MBA 00) supervises ING's legal compliance group in their Scottsdale, Arizona office. She represented ING at the ringing of the opening bell of the New York Stock Exchange in November to celebrate the company's initial public offering of its second diversified closed end fund. (See photo above.)

SONIA M. AGEE (LLM 01), a member of the tax group at Hoge, Fenton, Jones & Appel of San Jose, was recently named partner.

WENDY R. BEMIS (JD 01), adjunct professor and principal at Bemis & Associates, coached the GGU mock trial team to victory at the 2005 San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association trial competition. She received the 2006 School of Law Alumni Volunteer of the Year Award.

JOSEPH CHIANESE (JD 01) recently joined the US Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, in San Francisco.

CHRISTOPHER A. D'OVIDIO (JD 01), a staff attorney with the Conservation Law Foundation in Providence, Rhode Island, recently filed a petition for review in the First Circuit Court of Appeals against the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). He also celebrated daughter Gracie's 2nd birthday.

VADE S. DONALDSON (JD 01) is an attorney with the felony unit of the Society of Counsel Representing Accused Persons in Seattle.

JEFFREY M. GINSBERG (JD 01) has established Briefs and Motions, Inc., a practice specializing in preparing memos, motions, and briefs for attorneys. He can be contacted at ginsberg@briefsandmotions.info or PO Box 148, Fairfax, CA 94978.

AYANNA L. JENKINS-TONEY (JD 01) is the principal at Law Offices of Ayanna L. Jenkins Toney, a firm specializing in personal injury, workers' compensation, family law, landlord-tenant, and entertainment sports law, with offices in San Francisco and Larkspur.

HYON S. KO (JD 01) is an attorney for the Law Offices of Helen Santana, the San Francisco field office of Liberty Mutual.

LAURA M. LANGONE (JD 01), a director at Genentech in San Mateo, gave birth to two children, Alexandra Sophia, born on November 7, 2005, and Andrew Christian, born in 2003.

CAREY D. SEBERA (JD 01), former director for pro bono at Bingham McCutchen, is now investigating issues related to Sarbanes-Oxley for Morrison & Foerster.

MICHAEL J. THOMAS (JD 01) worked as a consulting attorney with the plaintiff in the *OSYU v. Bikram Choudhury* yoga copyright case. An article he wrote on the case has been published in the fall edition of the *University of San Francisco IP Law Bulletin*. Michael can be reached at mthomas@gguol.ggu.edu

MARY E. WILKE (JD 01) is vice-chair of the real estate and environmental law barristers section of the Bar Association of San Francisco.

TARA G. BEER (JD 02) is an attorney for the Law Offices of Helen Santana, the San Francisco field office for Liberty Mutual.

DAVID J. BRILLANT (JD 02, LLM 04) returned to Van De Poel & Levy, where he heads the tax and estate planning practice groups.

ADRIANO HRVATIN (JD 02) is an associate with Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco.

SARAH E. KRAEMER (JD 02) is an attorney with Brayton Purcell, LLP in Novato.

MELINDA M. LORD (LLM 02) has returned to Palo Alto after two years in Grenoble, France, as an attorney for Sun Microsystems.

KIMBERLY M. SURRATT (JD 02) became a shareholder of Jenkins Law Office, PC, with offices in Reno and Carson City, Nevada, and San Francisco. Her practice focuses on family law, same-sex parenting, and collaborative law.

VICTORIA O. ALEXEEVA (JD 03) is an attorney for the Law Offices of Helen Santana, the San Francisco field office for Liberty Mutual.

INGRID BIZEL-BIZELLOT (LLM 03) is an associate at The Schinner Law Group in San Francisco.

DAVID C. FOSTER (JD 03) recently joined Medarex, Inc. as intellectual property counsel. He can be reached at dfooster@medarex.com.

JULIE R. GOSCH (JD 03) has joined Pierce & Weiss LLP in Los Angeles as an associate.

YEHONG LU (LLM 03) is an attorney with Lawyer's Asset Management, Inc. in Oakland.

LOULENA A. MILES (JD 03), staff attorney at the Livermore-based Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment, was quoted in a *San Francisco Chronicle* article about federal energy regulation.

SARA E. KASTNER (JD 03), a criminal defense attorney with Tamburello & Hanlon, was noted in the *San Francisco Daily Recorder* for her efforts in establishing Legal Advice and Referral Clinic (LARC) in Bayview-Hunter's Point.

RISSIANE D. SANTOS GOULART (LLM 03), a professor of international law, has relocated to Brazil with her husband.

JEFF B. STIZZA (JD 03) has started a new position as director of business development for Major, Lindsey and Africa. He develops executive recruiting relationships with in-house counsel at companies in Los Angeles, San Diego, Arizona, and Nevada.

SHANNON L. WYMAN (JD 03) works for AeroSea Corporation in San Francisco.

SUNG-SEUNG YUN (LLM 03) is a professor at the Hallym University, Division of Law, in Korea.

JACKSON CHOU (JD 04) is an associate with Taggart & Hawkins in Oakland.

JONATHAN C. DUNTEN (JD 04) practices immigration litigation and nationality law in San Francisco and serves as an attorney consultant for the Mexican consulate.

DANIEL ETOH (LLM 04) is an associate with Amangbo & Associates in Oakland.

LEIGH FLEMING (JD 04) is an associate in death penalty law with Robert Bryan in San Francisco.

ALICE GATHOGO (LLM 04), a former family law judge in Kenya, works for Ma'at Youth Academy in Richmond.

CAROLYN J. GREENWALT (JD 04) and **MICHAEL DISIMONE (JD 04, LLM 05)** were married in Santa Monica, and reside in San Diego. Michael works in land acquisitions, with a specialty in redevelopment projects. Carolyn works as a tax attorney.

SEAN P. KANOUSIS (JD 04) earned an LLM in Taxation from Boston University School of Law in May 2005 and accepted a job with The Schonbraun McCann Group, LLC, a tax boutique, in New York City. He is a member of the New York and Massachusetts bars and can be reached at seankanousis@hotmail.com.

AICHA MIEVIS (JD 04) is an associate with Armstrong Law in San Francisco.

PHILLIP A. MURRAY (LLM 04) is a professor of English at Sierra College and principal of the Law Office of Phillip Murray.

ARIELLA E. PERRY (JD 04) is a litigation defense attorney with Philip M. Andersen & Associates in San Francisco.

KRISHNA REDDIVARI (LLM 04) is employed by International Technologies Inc.

CHARLOTTE RODEEN-DICKERT (JD 04) announces the birth of her daughter is Sonja Marion Dickert on February 7.

LUZIUS SCHMID (LLM 04), a senior attorney at Zurich Global Corporate in Europe, married a fellow GGU School of Law student in November of 2005 at a ceremony in Southern California.

EDWARD C. SIDAWI (JD 04) was honored in the *San Francisco Daily Recorder*, for his volunteer work, bringing the Legal Advice and Referral Clinic (LARC) to Bayview-Hunters Point.

DAVID STERKIN (JD 04) is an attorney with the United States Patent & Trademark Office in Alexandria, Virginia.

ANNE TOMASSINI (JD 04) is an associate with Pier 5 Law Offices in San Francisco.

EMILY WARREN (JD 04) is an attorney with the Orly Law Firm in San Francisco.

HEATHER ALEXANDER (JD 05) has been formally accepted for a position with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees in Chad, North Africa. She will practice asylum and refugee law as a junior professional officer for refugees from Sudan and the Central African Republic.

KERRI BANDICS (JD 05) is an attorney advisor to District Chief Judge Alexander Karst of the US Department of Labor.

CAROLE BOSCH (JD 05) is an associate with Hersh & Hersh in San Francisco.

BRYAN DOSS (JD 05) is an associate with Bemis & Associates in San Francisco.

AMY GRUBER (JD 05) is an associate with Robers Majeski Kohn & Bentley in Redwood City.

ANTON LABRENTZ (JD 05) opened a law office as a sole practitioner focusing on estate planning, probate administration, and litigation in Portland, Oregon, after passing the July 2005 Oregon State Bar. He was magister of GGU's Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity

during his final year of law school.

JESSICA LOY (JD 05) is an attorney with the Sacramento Public Defender.

MARIA MANNING (JD 05) is an associate with Kornblum & Associates in San Francisco.

ALLYSON MASSIMINO (JD 05) is an associate with Chapman & Intrieri LLP in Alameda.

TREVA STEWART (JD 05) is an attorney with the Narayan Law Firm in Burlingame, a civil litigation firm that defends personal injury, employment litigation, product liability, and premises liability cases for municipalities and large insurance carriers.

REBECCA WARREN (JD 05) is an attorney with the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

JOSHUA WATTS (JD 05) is an associate with Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP in San Francisco.

STEFAN WINHELLER (LLM 05) runs his own law firm in Frankfurt, Germany and formed a non-profit corporation, American Friends in Germany, headquartered in San Francisco.

IAN WOOD (JD 05) is an associate with Smaha & Daley in San Diego.

Let Us Hear From You!

Class Notes Deadlines: For Fall/Winter, September 15; for Spring/Summer, March 15

We'd like to know if you have made a career move, changed your address, added to your family, or received an award.

Photos are welcomed and appreciated.

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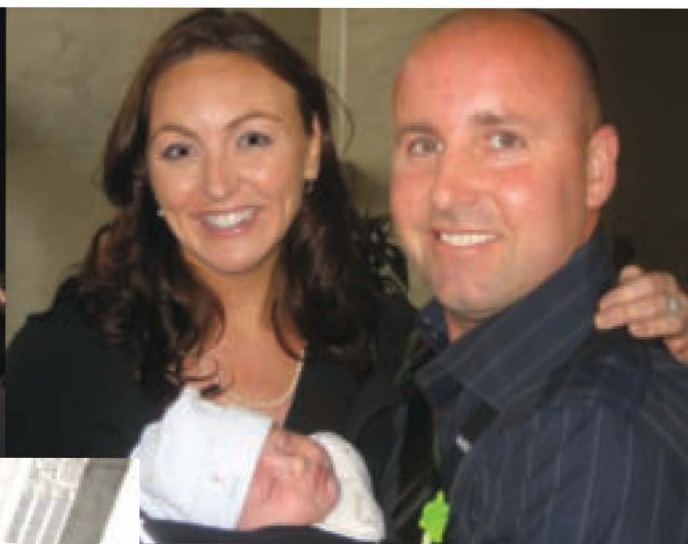
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*Commencement speaker
Dave Roberson (JD 78)*



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JULY 8: GGU Alumni Day at the Ballpark Tailgate Party and Game

Join fellow GGU alumni, faculty, staff and friends at the Oakland Coliseum; enjoy a barbecue, frosty refreshments and fireworks and watch the Oakland A's play against the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. Tailgate party starts at 4 pm; game starts at 6:00 pm. Contact: Lenore Junker, 415-442-7824, ljunker@ggu.edu.

SEPTEMBER 18: American Law Institute President Michael Traynor will speak on "Judicial Independence." The Constitution Day lecture is the first in the 2006-07 **Jesse Carter Distinguished Lecture Series**. Noon, GGU, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco. Contact: Jill Goetz, 415-442-6636, jgoetz@ggu.edu.

SEPTEMBER 25-NOVEMBER 10

Fall Recruitment 2006,
Law Career Services
Contact: 415-442-6625,
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OCTOBER 6: State Bar of California Annual Meeting: Golden Gate School of Law Alumni Reception, 5:30-7:30 pm, Salon 205, Monterey Marriott Hotel, 350 Calle Principal, Monterey, California; contact Jill Goetz, 415-442-6636, jgoetz@ggu.edu.



OCTOBER 18: GGU Alumni Awards Luncheon. Please join us for our annual luncheon celebration of alumni and notable members of the GGU community. Contact: Lenore Junker, 415-442-7824, ljunker@ggu.edu.

NOVEMBER 17: Fall 2006 Annual Environmental Law Symposium, "Renewed Interest"; GGU, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco; Contact Cliff Rechtschaffen, 415-442-6674.

NOVEMBER 18: School of Law Reunion Celebrates the classes of 04, 01, 96, 91, 86, 81, 76, 71, 66 and earlier; 5 pm mixer, 7 pm dinner; The World Trade Club, One Ferry Plaza, San Francisco. Contact; Jill Goetz, 415-442-6636, jgoetz@ggu.edu.

DECEMBER 13: Bridge Society Luncheon. Golden Gate University's annual reception for those who have included GGU in their estate plans. Contact: Elizabeth Brady, 415-442-7813, ebrady@ggu.edu.

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